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Bonds of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board	62,341	14	8
Bonds of the British and Irish Magnetic Telegraph Co	10,000	0	0
Bonds of the Liverpool Corporation	5,160	0	0
United States Government Stocks	101,330	7	10
Canada Bonds and Canada Dominion Stock	31,106	11	6
Short Loans on first-class English Dividend-paying Stocks, with margins from 20 to 50 per cent. on market values	477,195	0	0
Loans on Security of Life Policies	63,938	8	5
	£1,672,356	16	11

The above is a complete list of the Investments of the Company at the date specified, in addition to which the funds are still further increased, by amounts constantly varying, at different periods, in the hands of the Bankers and the Company's Agents.
At 31st Dec. 1868, these stood at £168,080 2 0
For the satisfaction of the Public, the whole of the Securities belonging to the Company are annually submitted to the careful scrutiny of two independent Auditors, and the following is an Extract from their Report to the last Annual Meeting:—
"The whole of your Books have been Audited—every Document, every Account, every Voucher, your Bank-book, and every Security—all have been most carefully kept, and there is not one doubtful Security in the whole."
THE ACCUMULATIONS OF THE LIFE DEPARTMENT.
After payment of Losses, Annuities and Expenses of every description, have become as follows:—
Funds in Hand at the last Quinquennial Valuation, 31st Dec.,

	£	s.	d.
1864	621,494	15	5
Added to 31st December, 1865	103,148	7	3
" " " 1866	124,165	7	5
" " " 1867	128,583	5	10
" " " 1868	144,945	12	2
Total Accumulation of the Life Department on 31st December, 1868, exclusive of Shareholders' Capital	£1,122,275	8	1

The Directors also think it desirable to State that THE BUSINESS OF THE "ROYAL" HAS NEVER BEEN AMALGAMATED WITH THAT OF ANY OTHER COMPANY,
And that the LIABILITY of its Shareholders is UNLIMITED.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents.
2173 Hongkong, 6th November, 1869.

EASTLACK & WINN,
Dental Surgeons.

DR. WINN begs to intimate that he has returned from the Coast Ports, and can be consulted at his residence in *Arbuthnot Road*, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.
tf 2171 Hongkong, 16th November, 1869.

NOTICE.

AS the undersigned intends leaving by the French Mail of the 1st proximo, all persons indebted to him are desired to make payment before the 25th instant, and all persons having claims against him are requested to send in their bills for immediate settlement.
DAVID BROWNE.
Oriental Hotel,
88 Hongkong, 18th January, 1870.

Intimations.

QUICK TIME AND CHEAP FARES!
FROM
CHINA AND JAPAN
TO
NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL!

THE GREAT OVERLAND ROUTE,
VIA
CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD,
Is now in complete running order from SAN FRANCISCO
TO THE
"ATLANTIC SEA BOARD."

THROUGH EXPRESS TRAINS LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO DAILY!
Making prompt connections with the several Railway Lines in the Eastern States for all the Cities of the UNITED STATES and CANADAS, and connecting at
NEW YORK
With the several Steamer Lines to
ENGLAND, FRANCE,
AND ALL EUROPEAN PORTS.

THROUGH TIME GOING EAST. From San Francisco to Omaha, 4 days and 7 hours; to CHICAGO, 5 days and 7 hours; to NEW YORK, Seven Days!
THROUGH FIRST CLASS FARE REDUCED. From San Francisco to Omaha, $83 25; to St. Louis, $97.50; Chicago, $97.00; to NEW YORK, $112.50; to Boston, $114.75.
SECOND-CLASS TRAINS leave San Francisco daily (Sunday excepted). Fare to Omaha, $45.00; St. Louis, $45.00; Chicago, $45.00; NEW YORK, $50.00.
CHILDREN not over Twelve (12) years of age, Half Fare; under Five (5) years of age, FREE.
100 POUNDS OF BAGGAGE (per adult passenger) FREE. 50 POUNDS OF BAGGAGE (per child between 5 and 12 years of age, FREE.
EXTRA BAGGAGE (over 100 pounds) between Sacramento and Omaha (Currency) $15 per 100 pounds.

SILVER PALACE SLEEPING COACHES,
SECOND TO NONE IN THE WORLD!
Are Run Daily, from SAN FRANCISCO to NEW YORK and intermediate points. These DRAWING ROOM CARS by day, and SLEEPING CARS by night, are unexcelled for comfort and convenience to the passenger while en route—combining the elegance of a private parlor and all accommodations pertaining to a well furnished chamber, with Comfortable Couches, Clean Bedding, &c. A competent Porter accompanies each Car to attend to the wants of our patrons.

THROUGH TICKET OFFICE:
4.5, CALIFORNIA STREET,
SAN FRANCISCO.

THROUGH FREIGHTS from SAN FRANCISCO to NEW YORK and other Eastern Cities, contracted through at low rates.
MARK GOODS "CARE C. P. R. R."

MONEY SAVED by purchasing TICKETS at the Company's Office in San Francisco.
CHAS. CROCKER,
General Superintendent.
T. H. GOODMAN,
General Passenger Agent.
September, 1869 [1914

GUARDIAN
FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 11, LOMBARD STREET, LONDON, E.C.
ESTABLISHED 1821,
And empowered by special Acts of Parliament.

Subscribed Capital—£2,000,000, Sterling.

THE Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to take risks against Fire, on the usual terms.
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 2317 Hongkong, 7th December, 1869.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a list of Premia contributed by them up to the 31st October last, to afford the distribution of the 25% Profit reserved for the Contributors to the Company.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
2m 43 Hongkong, 7th January, 1870.

FOR SALE.

THE A 1 North German Schooner *Frisch*, as she now lies in this harbour, carrying about 4300 piculs dead weight. The vessel is about 5 years old, and in first rate order.
For further particulars, apply to the Captain on board, or to the Undersigned,
BOURJAU, HUBENER & Co.,
Agents, N. G. Schooner *Frisch*.
31 133 Hongkong, 21st January, 1870.

RACING AND OTHER SADDLERY,
RACING JACKETS, CAPS, BOOT TOPS,
SPURS, AND WHIPS,
AND
MATERIAL FOR RACING BREECHES
AT
BONNETT & Co.,
GENERAL DRAPERS,
Queen's Road Central.
105 Hongkong, 17th January, 1870.

FOR SALE PRIVATELY.

THE well-known race horse "SADOWA."
Also,
A very handsome Chesnut PONY gelding, recently imported from Australia.
For terms and Sadowa's pedigree, apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
tf 2439 Hongkong, 29th December, 1869.

THE HONGKONG
TAI-YEUK-FONG HAIR WASH.

THIS elegant Toilet requisite combines the properties of a RESTORER, POMADE and WASH.
As a "Restorer," Nutritive and Strengthening;
As a "Pomade," Not a grease but acting as such;
and,
As a "Wash," Cooling, Cleansing, and Agreeable.
Introduced and Sold by
A. S. WATSON & Co.,
FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
By appointment
To H.E. The Governor | To H.R.H.
and Household. | The Duke of Edinburgh.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED 1841.
tf Hongkong, 16th December, 1869.

THOMPSON & CO.,
SHIPCHANDLERS, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS, AND AGENTS,
AUCTIONEERS, COAL & COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
PAGODA ISLAND, FOOCHOW.
N.B.—Dry and commodious Godowns for storage at the Anchorage. [tf 18 Jan. 3

NOTICE.

IN THE ESTATE OF HENRY DAVIS MARGESSON, DECEASED.

LETTERS of Administration, with the will annexed, of the Estate of HENRY DAVIES MARGESSON, late of Hongkong and Macao, Merchant, deceased, having been granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, to the Undersigned, as Attorneys for the Executors, all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to pay the amount of their debts to the undersigned without delay, and all persons having claims against the said Estate are required to send in particulars thereof, with vouchers, to the undersigned (addressed to the care of T. G. LINSTEAD) on or before the Thirtieth day of June next, after which date no claims will be admitted.
Dated the Third day of December, A.D., 1869.
W. KESWICK,
T. G. LINSTEAD,
Administrators.
tf 2292]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GUEDES & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
THIS DAY,
the 26th day of January, 1870, at the Store of T. JONES, (late Messrs. THOS. PEACOCK & Co.) No. 131A, *Queen's Road*, at noon.—
Fancy COATINGS and TROWSERING FLANNELS, Sofa CARPETS, Horse and Railway RUGS, TIES, WHITNEYS and CLOTHS, UMBRELLAS, NETTING, MITTS, &c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
169 Hongkong, 25th January, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ELECTRO PLATED AND GLASSWARE, HORSES, &c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
FRIDAY NEXT,
the 28th instant, at 2 P.M.,
At No. 10, *Seymour Terrace*, the residence of G. H. PHILLIPS, Esq., A.C.G.,—
The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising TABLES, CHAIRS, SIDEBOARD, SETTEES, BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES, a PIANO, Electro Plated WARE, CUTLERY, Dinner SERVICES, GLASSWARE, &c., &c., &c.
A Grey Arab HORSE, a Bay Arab HORSE, a PONY quiet to drive, &c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. The Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
170 Hongkong, 25th January, 1870.

ARMY CONTRACTS, 1870 AND 1871.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, marked outside "Tenders for Army Contracts" will be received by the undersigned until noon on MONDAY, the 31st instant, for such quantities of Commissariat Supplies, Hospital Supplies, or for the performance of Barrack and Hospital Services, such as Washing and Repairing Bedding, Repairing Utensils, &c., as may from time to time be required for the use of Her Majesty's Troops in the Island of Hongkong or its Outposts, during the year commencing 1st April, 1870.
Forms of Tender, (no other than those issued by the Control Department will be received) Conditions of Contract, and any further information that may be required, can be obtained on application to the Controller's Office.
C. F. POTGIETER,
Asst. Commissary General.
Commissariat Building, Controller's Office,
Hongkong, 24th January, 1870. [tld 140

DR. E. GARNERI begs to inform the community of Hongkong, that he is prepared to give lessons in the French, Spanish, and Italian languages, on very moderate terms. Address, *Daily Press* Office.
tf 132 Hongkong, 21st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

A LIBERAL RENT will be paid for a comfortably furnished house, or a handsome suite of furnished apartments, by a gentleman, for three months. Address "M," *Daily Press* office.
153 Hongkong, 24th January, 1870.

STRAYED.

A SMALL rough Slate-colored Pekin TERRIER. Whoever will return the same to Mr. LAURIE, Belmont, *Castle Road*, will receive the thanks of the owner, and be, if necessary, rewarded.
4d 155 Hongkong, 24th January, 1870.

AN Elementary Course of French Lessons will take place every Monday and Thursday, from half-past eight to half past ten.
E. THEVENIN,
41, *Wyndham Street.*
tf 2101 Hongkong, 6th November, 1869.

NEITHER the Captain nor the Agents of the British ship *Niagara*, will be responsible for any debts contracted by officers or crew of the said vessel.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Agents Br. ship *Niagara*.
tf 41 Hongkong, 7th January, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have this day REMOVED to the premises on the *Praya*, formerly occupied by Messrs. BOSMAN & Co.
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
2m 1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE Wharf in front of the premises occupied by the Undersigned, can be had for the convenience of steamers and ships at a moderate charge.
For particulars apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
tf 2 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

DR. VARNUM D. COLLINS,

HOLDING a Diploma from the Philadelphia Dental College, resumes the practice of his profession at Hongkong. *Office and Residence*, 59, *Wyndham Street*; but patients visited at their homes if desired. All diseases of the teeth treated; and artificial work inserted on gold, silver, vulcanite and Allen's continuous gum.
tf 1150 Hongkong, 14th June, 1869.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. Tennent, Glasgow, and Messrs. David Corsar & Sons Arbroath.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
tf 419 Hongkong, January, 1867.

NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself at this port as a Ship Broker and Commission Agent.
D. MUNRO.
tf 102 Amoy, January, 1870.

NOW READY.
IMPERIAL QUARTO.
ENGLISH AND CHINESE DICTIONARY,
WITH THE
PUNTI AND MANDARIN PRONUNCIATION.
AN ANGLO-CHINESE DICTIONARY, by the Rev. W. LOBSCHEID, published at the *Daily Press* Office, Hongkong.

FOR scope and practical service this Work stands unrivalled. All the new words which the Chinese have of late years been compelled to coin to express the numerous objects in machinery, photography, telegraphy, and in science generally, which the rapid advance of foreign relations has imposed upon them, are here given *in extenso*. Each and every word is fully illustrated and explained, forming exercises for students of a most instructive nature. Both the Court and Punti pronunciations are given, the accents being carefully marked on the best principle hitherto attained. The typography displays the success of an attempt to make the Chinese and English type correspond in the size of body, thereby effecting a vast economy of space, achieving a clearness not previously attained, and dispensing with those vast margins and vacant spaces which have heretofore characterized Chinese publications.
The scope of the work is so great, and its utilitarian purposes so complete, that a reference to its pages enables a person who understands English to communicate *effectively* with natives who understand nothing but Chinese. In this respect the work will be found indispensable to all Europeans residing in China, and to the natives themselves it explains subjects fully, with which very few indeed of them are perfectly acquainted. To parties resident in England and interested in China it cannot but be invaluable occasionally.
It comprises upwards of two thousand large quarto pages.
TRUBNER & Co.,
60, PATERNOSTER ROW;
W. H. BELL,
"DAILY PRESS" OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Intimations.

WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY.

NEW ILLUSTRATED EDITION.
In one vol. of 1840 Royal Quarto Pages.
THOROUGHLY REVISED AND MUCH ENLARGED.
Over 3000 fine Engravings.

10,000 *Words and Meanings* not found in any other Dictionary.

Over thirty able American and European Scholars employed upon this revision, and thirty years of labor expended upon it.

SEVERAL TABLES of great value, one of them of fifty quarto pages, Explanatory and Pronouncing, of names in fiction of persons and places, pseudonyms, &c., &c., *containing one fourth more matter than any former Editions.*
In all the essential points of a good dictionary—in the amplitude and selectness of its vocabulary, in the fullness of its definitions, in its orthography, in its carefully prepared and valuable appendices, and in its general accuracy, completeness, and practical utility, the work is one which none who read or write can afford to dispense with. The present edition of Webster contains thirty per cent. more than the old edition, is printed from new electrotype plates and "Riverside Press."
250 copies, ex steamer *Japan* (full leather binding) at Guedes & Co., Queen's Road.
C. H. SPEAR,
Agent.
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THE CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

APPLICATIONS for Shares in the above Company will be received by the Undersigned until the 15th February, on which date the list will be closed.
WM. PUSTAU & Co.
tf 138 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

THE CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

COPIES of the Deed of Settlement, and Forms of Application for Shares in the above Company may now be obtained at the Office of the Undersigned.
WM. PUSTAU & Co.
tf 2310 Hongkong, 7th December, 1869.

THE CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL, 1,500,000 TAELS SHANGHAI SYCEE, IN 3,000 SHARES OF 500 TAELS EACH.
Paid up Capital. TLS. 300,000, OR TLS. 100 PER SHARE.

Court of Directors:—
F. A. GROOM, Esq., of Messrs. Glover, Dow & Co.
W. JACKSON, Esq., Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China.
R. W. LITTLE, Esq., of Messrs Little & Co.
T. PROBST, Esq., of Messrs. Wm. Pustau & Co.
J. B. ROBERTSON, Esq., of Messrs Bull, Purdon & Co.
J. F. H. TRAUTMANN, Esq., of Messrs. Trautmann & Co.

Head Office, Shanghai.
Secretaries, pro tem., TRAUTMANN & Co.

Counsel to the Company.
N. J. HANNEN, Esq., *Barrister at Law.*

London:
COMMITTEE OF THREE DIRECTORS.
Agents, Messrs. ROBT. BENSON & Co.

Agents:—
In Hongkong...Messrs. WM. PUSTAU & Co.
" Hankow.......F. MAJOR, Esq.
" Foochow.......Messrs. JOHN FOSTER, & Co.
" Yokohama.... " ASPINALL, CORNES & Co.
" Singapore..... " HARRISON, SMITH & Co.

THE Company will commence business in January next, or as soon after as the Directors shall have been enabled to allot the Shares.
The Company will be a permanent one.
The Net Profits will be divided every year as follows: 30 per cent will be returned as Bonus to *all Contributors* of business, *rateably in proportion* to the amount of Net Premia contributed. Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the paid-up Capital will be paid to the *Shareholders*, and the Balance of the Net Profits carried to the Reserve Fund.
When the Reserve Fund shall have reached Tls. 300,000, the Net Profits will be divided as follows: 30 per cent. to all Contributors of Business; 20 per cent. to the Reserve Fund; and 50 per cent. to the Shareholders.
When the Reserve Fund shall have reached Tls. 500,000, the Net Profits will then be divided as follows: 30 per cent to all Contributors of Business; and 70 per cent to the Shareholders.
The Funds will be in the hands of the Directors both at Shanghai and London, and also at such places where the business proves large enough to warrant a Committee of Directors.
Messrs TRAUTMANN & Co. will officiate as Secretaries till 31st December, 1870, by which time the necessary arrangements will be completed for securing the services of a qualified Secretary from England.
For Forms of Application for Shares, and Copies of the Deed of Settlement, apply to the undersigned,
TRAUTMANN & Co.,
Secretaries, pro tem.
2254 Shanghai, 23rd November, 1869.

FOR SALE.
(*Under power contained in the Mortgage Deed*),

ALL those valuable Premises situate in Hongkong, abutting on *Queen's Road* on the South, and partly on the *Praya* on the North, formerly occupied by Messrs. SMITH, KENNEDY & Co., and now in the occupation of Messrs. E. SCHELLHASS & Co. The Premises are built on Marine Lot No. 101, and are held under Lease from the Crown for 999 years, subject to a Crown rent of £30 per annum. The Premises are spacious and airy, and the ground comprises an area of 14,400 square feet.
Also,
Those valuable Premises adjoining the above on its Western boundary; formerly in the occupation of the Asiatic Bank, and now in the occupation of Messrs. HESSE & Co. These Premises are built on Inland Lot No. 514, and are likewise held under a Crown Lease for 999 years, subject to a Crown rent of £24 10s per annum, and the Lot contains an area of 6,750 square feet.
The above valuable Property will be sold by Public Auction in Hongkong on some early day (of which due notice will be given), unless previously disposed of by private contract.
For further particulars, apply to
MESSRS. GILMAN & Co.,
OR,
HENRY C. CALDWELL, Esq.,
Solicitor.
tf 58 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

G. DA SILVEIRA,
JEWELLER AND WATCH MAKER,
2 doors past the Hongkong Dispensary,
QUEEN'S ROAD,
HONGKONG.
tf 926] [May 11

JUST Published by the undersigned, Portraits of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., Views of H.M.S. *Galatea*, the Public Landing, and the City Decorations.
J. THOMSON,
Commercial Bank Buildings.
2207 Hongkong, 22nd November, 1869.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in conformity with a Resolution passed at the last General Meeting of the above Company, whereby the Directors were requested to ascertain the terms upon which *Amalgamation* with the Union Dock Company could be effected.
An Extraordinary MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, *D'Aguilar Street*, THIS DAY, the Twenty-sixth day of January, 1870, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering the Terms demanded by the said Union Dock Company.
By order of the Board of Directors,
G. N. MINTO,
Secretary.
41d 2376]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

24*th January*, 1870.

IN pursuance of a Resolution passed at the last General Meeting, on 14th instant, a Special MEETING will be held on FRIDAY, the 28th January, at 2 P.M., to further discuss the subject of Mr. MICHAEL MOSS'S proposed Commercial Expedition.
By order,
J. W. WOOD,
Secretary.
4d 168 Hongkong, 25th January, 1870.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend at the rate of 16 per cent. per annum, or $6 per share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held on the 14th instant, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after Monday, the 17th instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the office of the undersigned for Warrants.
By order of the Board of Directors.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
21d 84 Hongkong, 15th January, 1870.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with paragraph No. 110 of the Articles of Association of this Company, the Half-yearly Interest at the rate of 12% per annum on the paid up Capital is now due.
Warrants payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, can be obtained at the Offices of the Company, 39, *Queen's Road.*
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
1m 3 Hongkong, 31st December, 1869.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Share Certificates of the Company are now ready for issue, in exchange for the existing receipts, for first and second Calls, or transfer Certificates, on payment of a fee of One Dollar, and Shareholders are requested to apply for them at the Office of the Company, No. 39, *Queen's Road*, Hongkong.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
1m 4 Hongkong, 31st December, 1869.

WANTED.—Employment by a Gentleman, who understands shipping and the general routine of an Office. Address M., *Daily Press* Office.
tf 115 Hongkong, 19th January, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE Agents and Master of the American barque *Hattie O. Bess* hereby give notice that they will not be responsible for any debts contracted by the officers or crew of said vessel in this port.
A7d 139 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

FOR SALE.

A FEW Casks of English SALT BEEF—Craigen's BRAND. Apply to the Captain on board the *Ambassador*.
A7d 130 Hongkong, 21st January, 1870.

NOW PUBLISHED.

VISIT of His Royal Highness THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH to Hongkong.
Compiled by The Revd. CANON BEACH, and illustrated by a Portrait of H.R.H., taken in Hongkong, and by Photographs of Local Scenes and Incidents of the Prince's visit.
PRICE THREE DOLLARS.
NORONHA & SONS.
tf 87 Hongkong, 19th January, 1870.

TO LET,
(*With possession on 1st April*).

THE business PREMISES situated on the corner of *Queen's Road* and *Pottinger Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. S. W. BAKER & Co. and Messrs. KOSS & Co. Apply to
WM. PUSTAU & Co.
tf 89 Hongkong, 14th January, 1870.

SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF!!
SELLING OFF!!!
AT COST PRICE.

S. W. BAKER & Co.

BEG to call the attention of the Public to their Entire STOCK-IN-TRADE, which they will sell off from this date, at Cost Price, as their Business positively must be Closed by the 15th March next, (*see advertisement above*).
The STOCK includes:—
GENTLEMEN'S HOSIERY, HATS, BOOTS, SLIPPERS, SHIRTS, COLLARS, Kid and other GLOVES, SCARFS and Neck TIES, UNDERSHIRTS, UMBRELLAS, Scotch TWEEDS and COATINGS, Linen DRILL and DUCK, UMBRELLAS, STICKS, Dressing CASES and BAGS, Playing CARDS, &c.
Also,
LADIES' DRESSES, HATS, BONNETS, BOOTS and SLIPPERS, French MERINOS and ALPACA, HOSIERY, RIBBONS, LACES, and MILLINERY and HABERDASHERY of all kinds.
Also,
Table CLOTHS and NAPKINS, Table COVERS, Hearth RUGS, BLANKETS, Irish LINEN, TOWELS, DAMASKS, TOILET COVERS, &c.
And,
A STOCK OF STATIONERY and PERFUMERY, &c., &c., &c.
S. W. BAKER & Co.
tf 92 Hongkong, 15th January, 1870.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE undersigned are prepared to accept risks in the above Company for a *Period of Ten days*, on Merchandize stored in first-class Godowns, at ¼th of one per cent.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
tf 1636 Hongkong, 26th August, 1869.

MR. SPARROW KNIGHT has a book publishing in the Press, to contain about 500 pages, general useful information on China, Reports on Coals furnished by Mr. Daniels, Chief Engineer of Sir Henry Keppel's flag-ship. Map of Peking on large scale. Communications furnished by the Chinese Minister for publication. Reports on Trade. Communications made to the Chinese Government. Communications made to Sir Harry Parkes, K.C.B., some general useful notes on Chinese matters. Plans of Arsenals, the Treaties with the Chinese Government will be included (in English and Chinese), the Tariff &c., Conversations with the United States Minister on Chinese subjects. Conversation with the Governor-General of Hoo-Pei and Hu-Nan, some general useful information, as productions, &c. The book will be a useful book. The subscription $5 per copy. The book will be dedicated to the Lord Robert Montagu, M.P. [tf 127

Intimations.

BAL MASQUE
AT THE
THEATRE LUSITANO.

TO take place TO-MORROW EVENING, the 27th inst., at 9 o'clock.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.
A Box to hold 6 persons.........................$8
Single Ticket.. 1

To be had at the CLUB LUSITANO, and on the night of the entertainment at the door of the Theatre.
152 Hongkong, 24th January, 1870.

NOTICE.

NEITHER the Captain, Owners nor the Agents of the British barque *Wodonga*, will be responsible for any debt or debts contracted by the crew of the said vessel, during her stay in port.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
tf 171 Hongkong, 26th January, 1870.

FOR SAIGON, (*Direct*).

THE A 1 ship
"AMBASSADOR,"
will have immediate dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 173 Hongkong, 26th January, 1870.

EX "*GOLDEN STATE*."

BUTTER, Boker's BITTERS, Sausage MEAT, CLAMS, CORN, PEAS, BEANS, PEACHES, Cranberry and Apple SAUCE, SUCCOTASH, HOMINY, CORN-MEAL, &c., &c.
Handsome American PERAMBULATORS.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
tf 174 Hongkong, 25th January, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby gives notice that he will not be responsible for any debts contracted by PAGONA ALBANY. Notice is also given that all receipts for bills due, and all orders for goods, must be signed by
HYACINTHE ESPITALLIER,
VICTORIA BAKERY,
28, *Wellington Street.*
A6d 175 Hongkong, 26th January, 1870.

ESTATE OF HENRY EDWARD HOEY, DECEASED.

ALL Persons having Claims against the above Estate, are requested to send them in forthwith to the undersigned, and all Persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment forthwith to the undersigned.
A. J. WILKIN,
Executor.
2w 164 Yokohama, 15th January, 1870.

FOR SALE.

LOT No. 20, commandingly situated on the Bund, Yokohama, comprising 704 tsuboes, and with one large three storied building containing 50 rooms, admirably adapted for a hotel, and ranges of outhouses, situated thereon. Apply to
A. J. WILKIN.
2w 165 Yokohama, 15th January, 1870.

NOTICE.

IT having come to the knowledge of the undersigned that certain disreputable persons, availing themselves of the shop names of the undersigned, go on board ships and obtain orders for picture painting. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned *does not* send his partners or shopmen on board ships to procure painting business, and those who wish to patronize him, are requested to call at his shop.
SUN-QUA,
Portrait Painter, No. 11, Wellington Street.
1w 166 Hongkong, 25th January, 1870.

ON behalf of self, Owners, and Underwriters, I desire publicly to express my sincere thanks to Commodore JONES, and the Naval officers under his command, for the prompt and efficient assistance rendered me in extinguishing the fire on board my vessel, on the morning of the 21st instant.
J. T. JARMAN,
Master British barque *Wodonga*, of Melbourne.
147 Hongkong, 24th January, 1870.

Notices to Consignees.

"*BOREALIS*," FROM LONDON.

THE undermentioned Packages have been landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1870. [tf 172
MS TM (in square). } 50 Pigs Lead.
PB&Co
WMC (in triangle). } 9 Packgs. Merchandise.
C&B

P. M. S. S. Co.'s S. S. "*ARIEL*," FROM SINGAPORE, &c., &c.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for Countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at risk and expense of the Consignees.
T. A. HARRIS,
Agent.
tf 176 Hongkong, 26th January, 1870.

CONSIGNEES of 50 Tons Flints, ex *Fair Leader*, from London, are requested to take delivery before SATURDAY, the 29th inst., otherwise the same will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.
4d 177 Hongkong, 26th January, 1870.

NORTH GERMAN 3-MASTED SCHOONER "*FORMOSA*," FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, by
MELCHERS & Co.
7d 151 Hongkong, 24th January, 1870.

"*GRACE PEILE*," FROM GLASGOW.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
7d 134 Hongkong, 20th January, 1870.

"*EVEREST*," FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
GILMAN & Co.
7d 111 Hongkong, 18th January, 1870.

BRITISH BARQUE "*SOPHIE*," FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature to the Undersigned, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
BOURJAU, HUBENER & Co.
tf 47 Hongkong, 8th January, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.
Ex "*Donnai*," 16*th December*, 1869.
Mrs. Bella Olsoue One Parcel.
C. BERTRAND, *Principal Agent.*
Hongkong, 15th January, 1870.

Intimations.

The Chronicle and Directory for 1870.

NOW READY.

THE Edition for 1870 is now ready for Delivery.

As already announced, the Directory is published in Two Forms, Complete at $5, or with the Lists of Residents and Port Directories only, at $3.

Copies may be obtained at the *Daily Press* Office, and of the following Agents:—

Messrs. Brown & Co., Swatow.
" Wilson, Nicholls & Co., Amoy.
" Hedge & Co., Foochow.
" Lane, Crawford & Co., Shanghai.
" Kelly & Co., do.
" Wachtels, Groos & Co., Japan.
Mr. L. P. Fisher, Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS ON THE 1869 EDITION.

(From the Shanghai Recorder.)

We have been placed in possession of a copy of the "Chronicle and Directory for China, Japan and the Philippines," published at the office of the *Daily Press*, Hongkong. This work is already so well known that it is hardly necessary to expatiate upon its merits. It no doubt contains, as is claimed for it, more information concerning China than is condensed in any other one volume. In addition to the ordinary Directory for Hongkong, Shanghai, the other Treaty ports, Japan, and the Philippines, it contains the various Treaties with China, the Order in Council and Rules of the Supreme Court, Shanghai, Regulations for Consular Courts of America in China, and other valuable documents of reference. The Mail tables, showing the dates when steamers leave Hongkong, when due in London, when the return mail leaves home, and when the answer is due in China, are particularly useful. The work is admirably printed and got up, and reflects great credit upon the publisher.

(From the Japan Gazette.)

For the past fortnight we have had beside us the new Chronicle and Directory, published at the office of the *Daily Press* in Hongkong, for which, by the way, we ought to have thanked the publishers. It is even a more remarkable volume than last year's; and whether viewed in respect of its utility or the manner of its bringing out, it is admirable. As a directory of the British Colony of Hongkong and all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, it is as perfect as can be expected. The large amount of ground covered, and the unwillingness of individuals to fill in the papers forwarded to them for the purpose, leaves it an entire certainty that absolute correctness is beyond attainment. Thus, the Hiogo, Osaka, and Hakodadi lists are by no means complete; but the Yokohama has more recent changes that our own Hong List, published in the beginning of October. None who have never undertaken the job, can conceive the difficulty of getting the correct lists up to the date of publication—the changes always going on are so numerous every week. The book before us has evidently received the most careful and intelligent supervision, or it could never have been so nearly correct as it is. But the Appendix is perhaps the most useful portion of it. The "Order in Council" of March, 1865, and Rules of the Supreme Court in China and Japan leading off, are followed by various Treaties, Customs' Tariffs and Trade Regulations, between China, Siam, Japan, and Western Powers. Then comes a mass of information, including the "Regulations for Consular Courts of America, in China;" "The Chinese Passenger Act;" "Scale of charges" recognised by various Chambers of Commerce; and special regulations of the open ports. A glance at the constitution, government, revenue, &c., of China and Japan, gives a general idea of what a tyro in these countries should know at the outset of his career, if he would follow up and understand events as they pass before him. Harbour regulations, Polynesian tables of distances, and postal rates and arrangements, with the time tables of the great Ocean and Overland steam routes, bring up the rear; and altogether make up one of the most useful books of reference that any merchant can possess or desire. The surprising part of the business is, that it is published at five dollars only; a price no greater than would be charged for a book of a similar size at home. It is very cheap—with the advantage of being "very good!"

From the Japan Times.

We have received, and acknowledge with thanks, the "Chronicle and Directory for China, Japan, and the Philippines, for the Year 1869." This handsome volume, printed and published at the *Daily Press* office, should be on every merchant's desk. We agree with the publisher that, as he says, in his preface, "it is not too much to say that it contains more information concerning China than is condensed in any one volume." For residents in Japan, too, there is much that is useful in the appendices. The Order in Council and the Rules of the Supreme Court, the Treaties and the revised Tariff are all included, and Directories are given for Yedo, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Hakodate, and even for Osaka and Hiogo. The Yokohama Directory is very fairly correct, and those for Nagasaki and Hakodate have only deficiencies caused by residents neglecting to fill the return papers. The volume is well got up in every respect—printer, reader, and bookbinder all deserving praise.

From the Alta Californian.

The extension of American and European trade into the regions of China and Japan has called for the publication of some work which should be at once a compendium of political and commercial information concerning these countries, as well as a directory of the principal business house of the chief cities. Such a want has been supplied by the Hongkong *Daily Press*. We have received a copy of "The Chronicle and Directory for China, Japan, and the Phillipine Islands, etc.," published in London and Hongkong, for 1869. The work contains over five hundred closely-printed pages, and is full of desirable information and data relating to the countries referred to. Chinese and Japanese calendars, money tables, commercial customs, treaties with foreign nations, methods of dividing time, rules of trade, etc., etc., may all be found here. Also, some valuable historical articles, statements of statistics of trade, commerce, revenue, populations, tables of distances, and, in fact, everything that can possibly be collated for publication in a work of such a plan and scope as this. The editor has shown great industry in compiling the book, and has succeeded admirably in his labours. A large number of San Francisco advertisements appear in the advertising pages of the work.

The delivery of the *Daily Press* from this office commenced on Tuesday morning at 10.25, and the last messengers left the office at 10.45.

The Daily Press.

Hongkong, January 26th, 1870.

The disturbance at the West Point Emigration Depôt, of which an account has been given in the police reports, brings into notice a point of considerable importance and interest in connection with the native population in the Colony. It seems that three Chinamen having been ejected by a European for creating a disturbance, went away, and shortly after returned with a party of about fifty, and commenced invading the premises, with cries of "kill the foreigner." A general disturbance ensued, in the course of which a Chinaman lost his life. The point that is of importance is this: How did these three men manage in a short space of time to collect together fifty partisans? The answer is easy to any one acquainted with the manner in which mob riots are got up in China, namely, that these men went away, and called upon some of their fellow "society men" to afford them their aid. There is hardly room to question that the incident reveals the existence in this Colony of some of those dangerous Secret Societies which have caused so much trouble in other places, and which in the Chinese Empire itself, have been sufficient entirely to undermine all authority. The manner in which the men acted is that which is familiar in all such cases, and the incident is one which should call for the increased vigilance on the part of the authorities. If these Secret Associations are allowed to increase in numbers and power, they will very soon become of a most dangerous nature as regards the peace and order of the Colony, and difficulties similar to those of the Ghe-Hing and To-Peh-Kong Societies, in Penang and Singapore, will be found springing up.

It is hardly necessary to call attention to the meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, which is to take place to-day to consider the question of amalgamating with the Union Dock Company. The subject has been so fully discussed already, that its main bearings are now familiar to the public. The chief question upon which the matter must turn are, first, whether amalgamation is desirable at all; secondly, whether it is desirable on the terms proposed; and, lastly, whether, under any circumstances, there are not reasons why it would be desirable to postpone action for some time.

The first question must depend upon two points the value of the facilities for business to be acquired by the amalgamated Docks, and likelihood of amalgamation and consequent the increased prices diverting a certain portion of business to other hands. Upon the supposition that increased outside competition will not be induced, it seems there is little room for doubt as to the advantageousness of the course proposed. Some rather telling arguments have been advanced by a correspondent, who pointed to the evil effects which have attended amalgamations at home, from which the conclusion is drawn by implication that similar results must be brought about here; but there seems little doubt that the force of these arguments is rather in appearance than reality, the facts connected with the proposed amalgamation here being very different from those attaching to the disastrous combinations that have been made at home. The absence of strenuous opposition would, unless counterbalanced by other effects, be an undoubted advantage, and would be worth purchasing at a fair rate. It is not, however, to be overlooked that there is always the chance, if the Docks amalgamate and raise their charges, that increased outside opposition will be evoked; which, although it would be unlikely to tell on some portion of the Docks' business, would certainly have an effect on others; and hence, in estimating the benefit to be derived from amalgamation, it is necessary to make fair allowance for this contingency. If, taking both these considerations into account, adequate benefit is apparent, it will be desirable to amalgamate; but if from the likelihood of new competition, the clear advantage in the form of dividends is doubtful, then an opposite course may be desirable.

In estimating the terms upon which an amalgamation may with advantage be effected, the prospects of future gain rather than any mere calculation of monetary value of property, may fairly be taken into consideration. The question will chiefly be: Can a small dividend be, by this means, converted into a large one? Property of the nature of Docks is valuable not according to what it has cost, but according to what it will pay, and the absence of a strong and active antagonist is of direct value to a Company already pledged to go on in the special line of business. It will be wise, therefore, if the main considerations lead to the conclusion that amalgamation is desirable, not to lay too much stress upon a comparatively small sum more or less in the cost. But it is to be borne in mind that this is an argument which cuts two ways, and that, while it will not be well for the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company to throw up the affair, because something more than they imagine the right sum is asked for the Union Dock property, on the other hand, the Union Dock Shareholders will do well not to lose an opportunity of adopting a course, no less to their advantage than that of their competitors, through standing out too strongly for terms that may be open to fair question. If, on grounds of a general nature, advantage is apparent, it will be the interest of both parties to endeavour to come to terms as to the price.

Upon the question whether it would not be desirable to wait for some time, it is somewhat difficult to speak with any certainty, but, on the whole, so far as is now known, there does not seem to be any very good grounds for deferring the matter, except it be the impression that a year's "running" against the Union Dock will tend to reduce the demands made by it. But it cannot be overlooked that, though this might be the case, the course would be attended with considerable loss to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock also. If the information given is not sufficiently clear upon certain points, this would appear to be rather a reason for asking explanations than suggesting a delay, which may be attended with harm, and does not seem likely to result in much good.

It thus appears that the question stands somewhat as follows: If the amalgamation offers a certain, or almost certain, prospect of increased dividend, and the terms proposed are anything like reasonable, it will be well to amalgamate; if, on the other hand, in consequence of the possibility of more outside competition, the prospect of increased dividends are not certain; or, if it appear upon due consideration that the terms demanded are clearly disproportioned to the advantage to be gained, then it may be desirable to refuse, or to defer adopting the measure. In arriving at a conclusion, however, it must be recollected that the prospective, rather than the retrospective, bearing of the subject has to be looked to; so that it will be well to consider, in regard to any excess in the terms asked, the prospect of the Union Dock Company at any future time being willing to accept less; and, in respect to deciding now or at a future day, the probability or otherwise of there being a better prospect than at present of arriving at a sound conclusion on the subject.

Capt. Faulkner, of the late British barque *Ellary*, died yesterday afternoon, at the Seamen's Hospital, from exhaustion, caused by the exposure and anxiety attendant upon the loss of the vessel.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

Before C. May, Esq.

January 24th.

OBTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENCES.

Lin-a-choong, charged by Mr. Alexander Morrison with obtaining $54.31, under false pretences, on the 23rd November, 1867, was brought up on remand from the 18th inst.

Ho-a chew, who was in November, 1867, compradore to Messrs. Riach & Co., identified the prisoner as having been at that time, and for about two years previously, office-coolie to that firm. He recollected taking the prisoner to the compradore of Messrs. Birley & Co., in consequence of something he had heard about an account paid by them. Both the compradore and the witness Wing-lai-shung said to the prisoner that he was the man to whom the money had been paid; the prisoner said that he had not received it. Witness took the prisoner back to his master, and what became of him after that he did not know, as he never saw him from that day till the present.

Inspector Grimes identified the prisoner as having been brought to the West Point Station on the 23rd November, 1867, charged with embezzling $54.31. The prisoner was taken to the Central Station to be locked up. The 23rd was a Saturday, and on the Monday morning following it was ascertained that the prisoner had escaped, by breaking the lock of the cell door.

Mr. John G. T. Russell stated that he was mercantile assistant in Messrs. Birley's firm; had been so in November, 1867, when he was in charge of the shipping department. He produced a cash-book, from which it appeared that the sum of $54.31 had been paid to Messrs. Riach & Co., for sundries supplied to the British barque *Kaklamba*. The original account from Messrs. Riach & Co. had been delivered, as was usual, with other accounts to the master of that vessel, upon closing that particular ship's account. Witness had no knowledge of the prisoner.

Fow-choong-hoong, Messrs. Birley & Co.'s compradore, spoke to having paid the prisoner the $54.31 on his production of the account. He directed prisoner to sign his name, and witness believed the name he signed was A-yow. The prisoner went away with the money, and the same day Messrs. Riach's compradore came to witness with the prisoner, and asked him in the latter's presence whether he had paid him the money. On his replying that he had, prisoner denied having received it. Witness was quite certain of the prisoner's identity with the man to whom he paid the account.

The prisoner, having been duly cautioned, said in defence that he did not receive the money from the compradore, and that it must have been received by the other office-coolie. He ran away from the station, because a Hakka, who was locked up with him, broke the bar of cell, and advised him to run away. The coolie who took the money was named A-lum, and ran away last year.

The prisoner was fully committed to take his trial at the ensuing Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court.

Before James Russell, Esq.

OBSTRUCTION.

Two chair coolies, who had caused an obstruction at Pedder's-wharf on the occasion of a gentleman's landing there, were fined 50 cents each.

DRUNK.

A sailor, named Peter Donelly, had just arrived from Scotland, and on his first landing got drunk, broke a chair which he had hired, and behaved otherwise disorderly. He was very penitent when charged before his Worship; and as the coolie did not appear against him, he was only fined 50 cents.

A FAMILY QUARREL.

A charge of attempted robbery with violence was brought against three boatmen, by another boatman and his wife. From the statements of these latter, it appeared that the defendants had entered complainants' boat at midnight, and assaulted the husband, who got up on hearing them. They used a knife, which the complainant took from them, and unluckily threw away. Both complainants said they did not know any of the defendants; it afterwards transpired, however, that the brother of one of the latter was married to the woman's aunt. The husband, too, had experienced little difficulty in recognising these three men whom he had never seen except in a hand to hand fight in the dark. In fact, the charge was evidently a trumped-up one, arising as it appeared out of a quarrel on board the first defendant's boat, where the aunt of the complainant was.

Discharged, complainants to find security in $25 each to be forthcoming at any time for the next month.

NO PAY, NO WORK.

Tsin-a-chee, a blacksmith, employed at the West Point Foundry, was charged with inducing the workmen to leave their work. On going to the works on Monday, Mr. Illingsworth, the proprietor, had found not a man there, and he had reason to think defendant was at the bottom of the movement. It appeared that the reason for leaving off work was that they had not been paid on Saturday night, as they should have been. The defendant was discharged.

PIGS AND PERMITS.

Two women were summoned for keeping pigs in their house without a license. They promised to try and get a license, but they were assured that though they might have first got a permit, and then got their pigs, they could not first get their pigs, and then obtain a permit. They then promised to get rid of the pigs, and the case was remanded till Monday for this purpose.

ABUSIVE LANGUAGE.

A married woman named Lorencia, was summoned for using abusive language to Vicentes Fernandes, with intent to provoke a breach of the peace. Complainant is a watchman employed by the Spanish Fathers. On Saturday last defendant's husband came to his house and offered to sell him some tobacco. Having no change, Fernandes sent his boy for some, and then it was that defendant came in and called him a thief, besides using other complimentary language towards himself and his wife. The amiable Lorencia had to find security in $10 to be of good behaviour for the next month.

ROBBERY.

The case of Wong-a-chan and Chun-a-ngok, who were charged with being privy to the extensive robbery committed on the premises of Messrs. Derode Freres et Cie., was again before the Bench. Inspector Duggan stated that he had searched all the pawnshops, and could find no trace of the things stolen. He found that the cook slept at Mr. Newton's on the night of the robbery. He was employed as cook by both parties.

The first defendant was ordered to find security in $200, to answer any charge for three months. The other man was discharged.

MANSLAUGHTER.

Chu-a-fat, Chu-a-sow, and Chun-a-mah, again appeared before his Worship, charged with creating a disturbance at the Emigration Depot, on the Praya West; Chu-a-sow being also charged with the manslaughter of the emigrant Chun-yung-sing Leung-foo-tsoh, the third defendant in the original charge, was discharged on the 22nd instant.

William Jones, re-called and re-examined, deposed: The door was open when I went up into the room where the fight was going on. I brought down all the people and closed the door. Some people may have gone out before I closed the door. I cleared the room, went down stairs, and closed the door with the cross bars. Soon after the party outside attacked the door, but I did not see it broken open. The first defendant was lying at the bottom of the staircase when I came down. The second I observed outside, and I paid particular attention to him from the way in which he spoke.

Dr. Cochran then stated that he found on a *post mortem* examination of the body that the deceased's spleen was largely ruptured, and that the whole belly was filled with blood from the rupture of the spleen. The organ itself was large and soft, and was in a diseased state. There were no external marks of violence on the body, and all the organs except the spleen were in a healthy state. Witness had no doubt the deceased died from the rupture of the spleen. A diseased spleen is very easily ruptured, and the thrusting with the pole as described by Wong-a-wan was sufficient to account for the rupture. A diseased spleen is commonly caused by a fever, intermittent or remittent.

The case was again remanded till the 26th instant (this day.)

DIRTY WATER.

Henry Aden was summoned by Tang-koon-shea, for throwing dirty water on him and soiling his clothes. He was ordered to pay complainant $1 as amends, and to clean off the nuisance.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION COURT.

Before Judge J. C. Whyte.

Huttleston v. Holmes.—His Honor delivered judgment in this case as follows:—In this case the defendant, who is the licensee of the Hongkong Hotel, is sued for $343, which was stolen from a bed room occupied by the plaintiff in the Hotel, where he had taken apartments by the month. Mr. Hayllar contended that the fact of the room being hired by the plaintiff for a month divested the liability of the defendant as an inn-keeper. I am, however, of opinion that as licensee of the Hotel he is so liable. It appears that the plaintiff had a considerable sum of money in his possession, and a day or two after his arrival in Hongkong, he put $300 in silver and $60 in notes into a small leather travelling bag, which he left in his bed-room on going to breakfast, a Chinese servant being in the room at the time he went down stairs. There was a printed notice in the room, which stated that the lessee of the Hotel could not be responsible for any money or valuables left in the rooms, as visitors could deposit them for safe keeping in the office. When the plaintiff returned to his room after breakfast, he found that his bag had been cut open, and $343, the sum he now claims, had been abstracted. The law relating to inn-keepers is well defined, and Calye's case, through decided nearly three hundred years ago, is still a leading authority on the subject. The 4th resolution in that case, on which Mr. Hazeland laid so much stress, is to the effect that an inn-keeper is liable for the loss of goods belonging to his guests, if occasioned by his default or that of his servants, and such loss *primâ facie* raises a presumption of negligence on his part. The conduct of guests however may rebut this presumption, and a number of cases are reported which considerably modify the strict doctrine of liability, and which show that it can be divested by acts of negligence on the part of those whose property has been lost or stolen, as the law requires every man to make use of ordinary care on his part. Mr. Hayllar cited several cases on this point, one of which, *Richmond v. Smith*, is a very strong one, as in that case, the defendant, who was an inn-keeper, was held responsible for the loss of the plaintiff's baggage which the latter had ordered to be left in the commercial room, instead of having it taken to his bed-room. On a motion for a new trial Lord Tenterden refused it, on the ground that defendant had not given notice, that he would not be responsible for the loss of goods unless they were placed in rooms selected by him, from which it must be inferred that had such notice been given, he would not have been responsible. *Dawson v. Chamney, Armistead v. White, Cashell v. Wright* and *Morgan v. Raven*, are all authorities to show that an inn-keeper's liability may be divested by negligence on the part of a guest, which according to Lord Campbell, in *Armistead v. White*, need not amount to gross negligence, and that it is for the jury to decide on the evidence whether there has been such negligence. I must therefore act in my capacity as a jury, and I certainly think, I should be holding out a premium for gross carelessness, if I were to give the plaintiff a verdict in this case. He has neglected the ordinary dictates of prudence, leaves a bag containing a large amount of silver in a room, which he did not even lock, and in a house where he must have known numbers of Chinese were constantly passing and repassing. It could not have taken him five minutes to deposit his money at the office, but he neglected doing so, and must suffer for his folly. On the other hand, the defendant appears to have adopted every reasonable precaution to secure the property of his guests, and cannot be held liable for losses occasioned simply by their negligence. I must give judgment for the defendant, with costs.

John Olson v. F. Richards.—This was an action to recover $200 on a promissory note, signed 16th July, 1869, and payable in six months time. A party named Kirchman had signed the note as witness.

The defendant denied his liability, and said that he did not think the signature to the note was his. If it was, it had been obtained when he was under the influence of liquor, but he was inclined to believe that it was a forgery. He never remembered to have signed this note, and he was positive that he had never received the $200 from the plaintiff.

The plaintiff swore that he gave $200 in bank notes to the defendant on the day the note was signed, and Kirchman also deposed that he saw the money pass.

His Honor warned the defendant that he was making a serious charge against the plaintiff, and to be careful, but he repeated his former statement, that he had not signed the note and never had received the money.

His Honor gave judgment for the plaintiff for the amount claimed, with costs, and ordered the defendant to be taken to the magistracy, and there charged with perjury.

Mr. Hazeland appeared for the plaintiff.

Robert McClaren v. J. B. Watson.—In this case which was adjourned for the purpose of the set off claimed being arranged between the attornies, Mr. Caldwell said that it had been agreed to accept judgment for $500, as there were several other sums due which had to be settled, and it was agreed to deal with them all at one time.

Peter Brodrick v. S. Milburn.—This was an action to recover $300, claimed as damages for assault. The plaintiff is a carpenter formerly employed on board the British barque *Eastern Queen*, and the defendant is master of the same vessel.

The assaults complained of were three in number, and the circumstances attending each were detailed at very great length by the plaintiff. The first was at Yokohama, the defendant struck plaintiff in the head with the handle of a chisel. A wound was inflicted which plaintiff described as a serious one. The second assault was committed at Hakodadi, a cane being used on the occasion. A third was committed in the harbour, while the vessel was on MacDonald's slip. These last two were described by the plaintiff as severe beatings, which gave him a headache, something which had never occurred him before. The plaintiff while giving evidence on this point, feelingly thanked God that he never had either the headache or toothache in his life. Plaintiff said he had never been insolent or impertinent, but had always conducted himself in a most circumspect manner. As a mechanic, he considered himself a very superior workman, who could not do slovenly or improper work. He had been in hopes of being able to bring this action in a court in England, but matters became so bad that he could proceed no further in the ship.

The defendant admitted the assaults, but stated that the plaintiff was a most incompetent man, who could not do his duty properly, and whose manner was invariably impertinent and insolent. On neither of the three occasions were the blows struck very severe ones, but the reverse. There was great provocation.

After hearing the case at very considerable length, his Honor remarked that he thought in this case a mole hill had been made into a mountain. This case might easily have been disposed of by the magistrate, but of course plaintiff had the choice of how he would proceed in a case of this kind. It appeared that the plaintiff had been bottling up his indignation for over five months, principally, because he had no confidence in consular courts, but also because he wished to carry the matter to England. This was no doubt a very great compliment to this Colony, but defendant had said several times that he wished to carry the matter to England. What did he expect when there? Perhaps, he thought the case would be brought before a jury. As already remarked, this case might easily have been disposed of by a magistrate, the facts were very simple, and he did not think a magistrate would have imposed more than $5.00 fine for each assault. He would give judgment for the plaintiff for $15, and costs.

Mr. Sharp appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Caldwell for the defendant.

Peter Brodrick v. W. Cartwright.—This was an action to recover $600, claimed as damages for assault. The defendant is first officer of the *Eastern Queen*. After the case against the captain had been heard, Mr. Sharp, on behalf of the plaintiff, said that he would not go on with this case, as the plaintiff had accepted an offer of defendant to settle the case for $20, and costs, and an expression of regret on his part for what he had done.

Chow-a wing v. Sidney Bateman.—This was an action to recover $10.25, claimed as the balance of an account for furniture.

Defendant denied that anything was due, the full amount having been paid. He could not, however, produce either receipts for the money or accounts to show that he had paid anything.

His Honor said that plaintiff's books appeared to be kept in a very regular and correct manner, and defendant did not seem to know positively anything about the matter. There must be judgment for plaintiff for the amount claimed.

THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF THE DOCK COMPANIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Sir,—There is one argument in favor of amalgamation which I do not think has been hitherto advanced, and that is, that, in addition to the enormous saving effected in the portion of expenses which may be called "fixed salaries," the two Companies, united, may frequently double the amount of work which they would both do separately with the same resources. To explain myself better, I will give you an instance of what is constantly occurring.

Supposing, under the present condition of things, the small Dock at Aberdeen be occupied, and two moderately sized vessels offer for dockage; each Company is probably successful in securing one. The consequence will be that one vessel will go into the large Dock at Aberdeen and the other into the large, and at present, the only Dock completed at Kowloon. Those vessels are no sooner docked than one large, or two other small, vessels offer, but what is the result. They must go to outsiders unless they will agree to wait the convenience of either or both Dock Companies, and the result is much the same if they wait, for when the Docks are available, they will take the place of others.

Now if the Companies are amalgamated, and two vessels offer of moderate length, they can both be put into the same Dock, say, at Kowloon, leaving the Aberdeen Dock available for one large or two small vessels.

Surely there is no gainsaying that what I have advanced in another great argument, added to many others, in favor of amalgamation, and I repeat that this is no imaginary case, but an example of what is constantly occurring, for Dock business often comes in with a rush, as it has done within the last few days, according to the state weather or the number of arrivals in port.

Three Docks at Aberdeen and Kowloon (or four Docks when the smaller one at Kowloon shall have been finished) must, therefore, I contend, do a larger business in the aggregate, when amalgamated, than they possibly can under a divided ownership.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
A SHAREHOLDER IN BOTH DOCK COMPANIES.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1870.

TRIAL OF A COLOMBO MERCHANT FOR FORGERY.

A very painful case was decided on the 1st December at the Supreme Court, Ceylon. A Mr. Theodore Mackenzie, of the firm of Macbohlan, Mackenzie & Co., was charged with having, on the 19th November last, made an application to Mr. James Robertson, the Manager of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China, for a loan of over £3,000, and enquired whether the manager would negotiate certain bills drawn on parties in England; such bills being secured by coffee at a certain rate per cwt., and as a cover for these drafts the prisoner handed the manager two bills of lading. The money value of these bills of lading was paid to the accused. The manager of the bank, however, applied to Messrs. Armitage Brothers, the agents of the vessel *Elizabeth Graham*, for information, and he was apprised that the coffee appearing in these bills was not shipped. The captain of the ship, Thomas Bragg, (whose signature the prisoner stood charged as having forged), denied that he ever signed the bills, or ever received the coffee mentioned in them. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and his Counsel in an eloquent speech, dwelt upon the misfortunes which had fallen upon his client owing to the conduct of his partner in Ceylon, which he averred had driven him to a state of mind that language could not depict, and it was difficult for the imagination to conceive. The learned gentleman said he did not attempt to palliate his client's guilt, and possibly what he said might be ascribed merely to the zeal of counsel,—but it was a fact that his troubles drove him mad, and finding seemingly no means of escape from his position, he in a moment of madness committed the forgery with which he was charged. Flight was inevitable, and he left Colombo on Monday; though it was only on the Saturday that he was led to commit the act. Other things might be said against him, and other charges preferred, but these were all more or less capable of explanation. Crime, then, it was shown he did not commit until Saturday. The money which he was entitled to upon the bill of lading he had previously received, and had given it to the creditor who was most pressing. Flight was inevitable on that day, and was immediately afterwards resorted to, having previously forged the bills and delivered them two days before. His Lordship could fancy from this, the state of mind in which he must have been, when he committed the fatal act. That done, he had nothing to hope for, for life was insupportable. He had to leave a once happy home and a fond, confiding wife. His misery and agony, bitter as they were, were aggravated by the misery, agony, and ruin he had brought on her. She had freely surrendered all she had, even to the very rings from her fingers, to the creditors. All this could not atone for his great crime, but it might perhaps induce the Court to take a merciful view of his case, and he trusted and prayed that what he had stated would have this effect, and that his Lordship would in vindicating the law temper justice with mercy.

The Judge (Mr. Justice Stewart), in passing sentence, said that the prisoner at the bar had pleaded guilty to a most serious crime—a crime which not long ago was a capital one; but the law had since undergone alterations in this respect, and its punishment was made lighter. He had taken into consideration all that had been advanced in behalf of the prisoner by his counsel, and although he was desirous of tempering justice with mercy, yet he still felt it his duty to pass such a sentence as would be adequate to the crime laid to the prisoner's charge. Such was the constitution of the commercial community that there could be no graver offence than that committed by the prisoner, or one more calculated most seriously and injuriously to affect commercial interests. A crime like this struck at the very root of all commercial interests, and brought distrust where confidence should exist between merchant and merchant, trader and trader, and man and man; and the punishment must therefore be commensurate with an offence so serious in its nature. In awarding punishment due to crime and its consequences the object was twofold—(1) to adequately punish the offender, and (2) to deter others from committing similar offences. In this case the latter might be overlooked, as this he (the Judge) believed this was the first instance in which a British merchant had been charged with such a serious offence. But this only aggravated the crime. His Lordship said he would not make any further remarks, but he would only add that he had been seriously thinking of passing a sentence of fourteen years transportation, but the prisoner having pleaded guilty, and considering the extenuating circumstances urged by the learned counsel for the defence, and the fact that up to the committing of the offence by the prisoner he moved in most respectable society (although the law made no distinction between persons), he would sentence him to ten years' transportation with hard labour.

The *Standard* learns, through the Atlantic Cable that the Postal Convention with England has been concluded at Washington, providing for the reduction of the single letter postage to six cents. The Convention was to come into effect on the 1st of January, 1870.

An American paper announces the death, in a poor-house, of Mr. Drake who sank the first petroleum oil well in the United States. At one time the deceased is said to have been worth £200,000. Greater care appears to have been taken of the first derrick and engine set up by that enterprising "prospector," than of himself, for we read that a monument is about to be erected in which the engine will be reverently preserved, while the derrick still mounts guard over the well.

Emigration and the Colonies.—The sub-committee appointed at the meeting on the above question have arranged for a large public meeting to be held at Exeter Hall, on Tuesday the 4th of January, when Sir George Grey will take the chair, and be supported by a large number of gentlemen interested in the subject. The resolutions to be submitted will be in favour of a system of national emigration, supported by the government, and the consolidation of the empire by maintaining the connection between England and her colonies. Deputations from all the large towns will be invited to attend the meeting.

EXTENSION OF TELEGRAPHY TO CHINA AND AUSTRALIA.

(Saturday Review.)

We have never doubted, since the successful laying of the Atlantic Cable, that very few years would elapse before every civilized town in the world be in electric communication with every other. The progress already made in this direction is very satisfactory. The second line of the Atlantic Company furnished a safeguard against occasional interruptions of communication, which, after the habit of telegraphing had been acquired, would have been felt as serious disasters. The French Cable which has since been laid has protected the public against the scarcely less serious evil of excessive charges, and we may rest assured that cheap and continuous telegraph communication with the whole North American continent is secured for ever. A requirement second only to that which the Atlantic Cables satisfied, still remained. India has hitherto been connected with England and the rest of Europe by wires which seldom work without days of delay, and very frequently speak a wholly unintelligible jargon. Beyond India we have not even the pretence of a telegraph to China, Australia, or New Zealand. Much however has been done, and more has been promised, to supply this want. The Russian line which passes by the Sea of Azov through Teheran to Bushire will supply an alternative route to the very imperfect line which we possess through Turkey and Bagdad. It is extremely doubtful whether a really rapid and effective service to India will be secured by either of these long overland routes, and one of them would, in the event of a war with Russia, be available only to our enemies. Fortunately the only true course to India, that by Suez and Aden, which was accidentally discredited by a failure excusable enough in the early days of submarine telegraphy, is once more to be resumed, and we may consider something like instantaneous communication certain to be shortly established between M. Lesseps' Canal and the coast of India. We shall thus have three lines to Bombay, between which we are pretty certain to secure reasonably good service if only the European system between England and Alexandria or Constantinople, can be brought into a better working shape. At present the delays on the side of European are almost as bad as the delays in the more barbarous districts through which the line pursues its way to the Persian Gulf, and it is questionable whether a thorough reform will be effected until the ocean line from Falmouth to Gibralter and Malta shall have made us independent of European complications. This, however, is already certain, and our means of intercourse with India must within a very short time be as perfect as we could reasonably desire.

This is a great advance to have made, but it is obviously only a step to further progress. The extent of our trade with China, Japan, and Australia absolutely demands the extension of the telegraph to those countries, and already enough has been done and promised to leave little doubt that this also will be speedily achieved by the efforts of private enterprise. One Company is already vigorously at work upon a cable which is to connect Ceylon with Penang and Singapore, and the stride from the Straits settlements to the coast of Australia, though somewhat long, is particularly easy, and may be regarded as certain to follow at no distant date. The entire distance from India to Australia is about four thousand miles whatever route be taken, and some controversy has arisen as to the course which promises the best results. One project which has since been abandoned, was to take a deep-sea line straight from Point de Galle to Penang; thence by Singapore through the Straits of Sunda into the open sea again; and so with one enormous stretch of ocean cable over some two thousand miles to Western Australia, with an extention to Adelaide, which is already in connexion with the other Australian colonies. This scheme involved the necessity of using an extremely light cable—a mere core strengthened by a few strands of hemp without the usual covering of iron—and the projectors satisfied themselves, not without high scientific authority, that the strength would suffice for the requirements of laying, and perhaps even of picking up. A sanguine hope was also indulged that a cable without metallic armour would escape the ravages of such animals as might be found in the extreme depths of the open ocean. Whether this last anticipation was doubted, or whether the state of the money market was unpropitious, the project was brought out without success, and has been definitely abandoned. It raised again, in a very extreme form, what has long been the standing controversy between the advocates of deep and shallow lines. The objections to very deep-laid lines like the Atlantic Cable are obvious enough. It is very costly and difficult—though not, as was once supposed, impossible—to pick up and repair a cable laid in 2,000 fathoms, and it is even now undetermined how many years cables like those to America will retain strength enough to bear the grappling process. There are equally obvious objections to lines laid in very shallow water, as experience has abundantly proved that lines laid within reach of anchors are constantly in danger. It is true that they can be easily and quickly repaired if ships for the purpose are kept within reach, but in traversing long distances over remote seas the inconvenience of frequent breakages would be extremely serious. The difficulty can be met by making the cables so strong as to resist any violence to which they may be subjected, or by maintaining repairing ships within easy distance of all portions of the line.

All these objections, whether to very deep or very shallow lines, are mainly questions of expense. A light deep-sea cable will cost somewhat less at first than such heavy lines as are laid in the Channel; but it will not last nearly so long, as it must perish at the first occurrence of a fault after it has been so far weakened by rust and decay as not to bear picking up. What the fair term of life of (say) a two-ton cable like the Atlantic may be is at present wholly unascertained, and no one can do more than guess whether it may last five, ten, twenty, or fifty years. A heavy cable of from five to ten tons may practically be expected to last for ever, but then, if in shallow water, it may have to be repaired within a certain number of years so often as to cost as much as a new cable would have done. There is one way out of all these difficulties, which all engineers would choose if it were always open to them, and that is to lay a good stout cable at a medium depth, altogether beneath the reach of anchors, and yet much more accessible than if it lay at the bottom of the Atlantic, or deeper still at the bottom of the Pacific. Something between 50 and 100 fathoms is about the best possible depth for a submarine cable, but unfortunately we cannot go from anywhere to anywhere without either exceeding or falling short of this happy medium.

To return to the Australian and China projects, the extreme deep-sea route has for the present been abandoned; but there are still two lines, one if not both of which seems likely to be tried. One of these is the course we have already mentioned, from Ceylon through deep water to Penang, thence in such depth as can be found through the Straits, and ultimately by another stretch of deep-sea line to the head of Cape Carpentaria, where a junction will be effected with the Australian system. A line so laid out is of necessity light, and it seems that a cable not heavier than the Atlantic Cables is contemplated. The other route which has been proposed, is by comparison a shallow-water line. It starts from Calcutta instead of Ceylon, and makes its way by the coasts of Burmah and Siam to the Straits, keeping always within the one hundred fathom line. Then follows, as far as Java, a stretch of still shallower water which will require a cable as heavy as those in the English Channel. The remainder of the track, with the exception of a comparatively short piece of deep water, is medium soundings all the way to Carpentaria. The main differences between the two projects, therefore, are that the one is to be a light cable courting deep water throughout wherever it can be found, while the other is to be a heavy cable seeking medium depths where practicable, and meeting the difficulties of shallow water which cannot be avoided by the method pursued on the coasts of England—that is to say, by laying a cable too strong to be broken by any anchor that can lay hold of it. For ourselves we should like nothing so well as to see both lines laid. Singapore might very reasonably desire to have a cable direct to Calcutta, as well as one to the less important centre of Ceylon. One only of these is yet secured, and on the other side of the Straits, where the two proposed routes are commercially identical, nothing has yet been done. No important route ought to be left dependent on the chances of interruption to which a single wire is exposed, and it is more a question for the projectors than for the public whether they will choose a light or a heavy cable, and work through deep or shallow sea. One or other, if not both, of the contemplated schemes will, we hope, be completed without much more delay, so that our fellow-subjects in Australia may no longer have to complain that, while England has three cables through which to telegraph to America, she has done nothing yet to bring herself nearer to her Southern colonies.

A WARNING TO SHARP PRACTITIONERS.

(Examiner.)

With all its faults, the average British jury sometimes distinguishes itself in a way which leads one to forgive it all its past offences. It is occasionally visited by a rush of moral enthusiasm and assumes a license in the interpretation of evidence which is a trifle dangerous, but highly satisfactory in particular cases. Several of our juries have been showing themselves in ridiculous colours of late; and it is only a week or two ago that two young women, on being declared innocent of the charge preferred against them, clapped their hands and blessed the twelve apostles of civil and religious liberty before them, the judge adding, "Yes, you may well be grateful; for in the whole course of my professional experience I never heard so extraordinary a verdict." But, as we say, the British jury sometimes errs in the right direction; and there can be no doubt that in convicting Mr. Robert Cook, money lender, of false and fraudulent practices, his twelve countrymen so far stretched the laws of evidence as to punish a man morally, if not legally guilty. That the verdict is not defensible in law we are not prepared to affirm; but it is clear that if Mr. Cook was legally guilty, a good many people who fancy they may indulge in "sharp practice" with impunity ought to take counsel with themselves and exercise some caution. The facts of the present case are simple enough. A surveyor, residing in Ireland, is pressed for money, and answers the advertisement of a money-lender in London. The surveyor, Mr. Hall has a reversionary interest in some property, and is also in receipt of an annuity of £50 during his mother's lifetime. The money-lender, who is in reality Mr. Cook, receives a mortgage on Mr. Hall's Irish property to the extent of £600, giving Mr. Hall therefor £440. This, it will be perceived, is £160 interest to start with. Thereafter Mr Hall insures his life for £200; and in 1868 he dies. Mrs Hall, in destitute circumstances, takes the policy to Mr Cook, and begs him to assist her. He promises to get the money for nothing, as he knows certain directors of the Insurance Company in question; and so she leaves the policy in his hands. He also tells her that there was some portion of her husband's property on which money could be lent; and her impression was that she was to receive £200 on mortgage and £200 for the policy on Mr. Hall's life. A long deed of assignment was drawn up, part of which Mr Cook hurriedly read over, so that she could not understand its purport; and this document she signed. She was very much in want of money; and Mr Cook gave her a cheque for £50, she signing the following receipt:—"Expenses of administration in England and Ireland, £120; bonus, £30; cash advanced this day, £50; total £200." Could any document more plainly state that Mrs. Hall was to receive £50, and no more, out of the £200 due to her on the insurance policy? It seems hardly possible that any woman could read these words without perceiving their import; and it is almost inconceivable that a woman should be so foolish as to sign, without inquiry or reflection, such a paper. Mrs. Hall did sign it, however. Towards the close of the year, the widow and her children being in very reduced circumstances, she again applied to Cook for money, and received £10, which was on account of the mortgage. A second time she applied, and received £5; but, on inquiring when the money due on the insurance policy was to be paid, she was told that it had been all swallowed up in expenses. In this emergency she sought the advice of her brother, who wrote to Cook several letters to which no attention was paid. The brother then called upon Cook, and was given to understand that Mrs. Hall had received all the money due to her—that is to say, sixty five pounds as against both the policy and mortgage. An action was brought against Cook, who was thereupon ordered to pay over the £200 resulting from the insurance; although nothing seems to have been done in the matter of the property which was mortgaged, and an assignment of which to Cook had been executed by Mrs. Hall. Hence the present criminal proceedings; and the transference to gaol of Mr. Cook for the space of twelve months.

The moral guilt of the money-lender is so obvious, that the whole story looks a piece of fiction. We have the poor widow and her destitute children, with the rich man robbing them of their property, and adding scornful insult when the widow, with tears in her eyes, begs for pity. That Mr. Cook richly deserves what he has got no one, we presume, will deny. But the question is, in what did his cruelly unjust treatment of this poor woman differ from many forms of "sharp practice" with which the law does not seek to interfere? A man who lets a farm at a rent he knows will be ruinous to his tenant; or who sells a horse for £100 that is only worth £40; or who sells a house for double its value, is not liable to be prosecuted for fraud, although fraud actually does exist. Sharp practice simply means injustice; and injustice ought to be criminal; but at present it is not. Cook, the money-lender, did not hocus Mrs Hall into signing away her property. If she was unable to understand the purport of the deed of assignment, she ought, he would say, either to consult a properly qualified person, or to risk the consequences. Cook was not a lawyer; he was a money-lender; and, in making the best bargain he could for himself, making the best he clearly was, he does not seem iniquitous to us to have done much more than is commonly done by a horse-dealer or an over-reaching trader. The signing of the receipt for £200, by Mrs. Hall, was an inconceivable piece of folly; but we are glad to know that a Hertford jury saw the matter in its proper light, and ordered the delivery of the money. The jury who tried the criminal case followed suit; and gave judgment in equity. If these results are to be taken as a precedent, sharp practitioners must give heed. Here is a man who possesses a legal assignment of property and a clearly-expressed receipt for certain moneys, neither of which he has obtained by violence or forgery. Yet in the one case he is ordered to refund the money, and in the other he gets a year's imprisonment for injustice. Consent, therefore, on the part of the victim, proves nothing. We shall be glad to see how this principle works in cases where young men have been cajoled into promising to a usurer a fabulous rate of interest in consideration of an immediate loan. Indeed, if fraud is to be judged morally, and the judgment recorded in legal penalties, we do not see where we shall be able to stop. In the meantime, there can be but one opinion as to the very gross case of wrong under notice. The money-lender who induces a feeble and necessitous woman, ignorant of legal forms, to hand over the custody of her property to him, and flagrantly abuses the trust, may well be made a warning to others whose deeds, if less pronounced, bear the same odium of moral guilt.

A Missouri editor speaks thus of one his brethren of the press:—"The poor-old dilapidated piece of flesh and bones who hangs himself out every week in the *Jackson Standard*, and who, by common consent, was considered the jackass of the Editorial Union, has rattled his old skeleton at us."

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Hongkong, Tuesday Evening.

There has been some little fluctuation in the drug market for Patna, in consequence of bargain chop scrips having been forced upon the market. Patna changed hands at $635 from speculators hands, and $637½ cash, and $640 on credit, from the holders. Benares, $528½ to $530, cash, and $531½ to $533½ on credit; Patna old with 1st sales new drug on time $541½ to $543½; Benares new, on time, $527½ to $530, for the 1st sales. Patna, 1st sales, new, $557½ to $560; Malwa, $640 to $642½, for first class drug, but little doing.

Nothing has been done in piece goods, cotton or saltpetre. There have been sales of Fire shares to the extent of about 35 shares at $205 cash, and $210, for the end of February. A small lot of new Banks have changed hands at 23 premium, *cum div.* and about 100 at 20 *ex div.* for the end of March.

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old... 36 to 37 prem.
New... 19 prem.
H'kong & W'poa Dock.........6 dis.
H'kong C'ton & Macao Steam Boat Shares.........26 cash prem., ex div.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares.........$1,400 prem.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares.........$203 pr. per s.
Union Dock Shares.........45 dis.
Hongkong Hotel Shares.........50 to 60 "

SALES ON 25TH JANUARY, 1870.
As reported by Chinese.

White Sugar, 100 bags, at $7.15, by Tai Foong Shun to Fatshan merchant.
White Sugar, 100 bags, at $6.80, by Tai Foong Shun to Fatshan merchant.
Sapanwood, 1,900 piculs, at $1.50, by Tung Wo Cheong to Fatshan merchant.
Rattans, 400 bundles, at $4.20, by Hop Hing to Canton merchant.
Rattans, 300 bundles, at $3.85, by Hop Hing to Canton merchant.
White Sugar, 400 bags, at $7.10, by Hop Hing to Hongkong merchant.
White Sugar, 600 bags, at $7.00, by Wing Cheong Shun to Hongkong merchant.
China Boots, 100 piculs, at $3.30, by Fook Wing Loong to Saigon merchant.
Vermicelli, 50 bags, at $7.00, by Fook Wing Loong to travelling merchant.
Black Pepper, 150 bags, at $9.20, by Hing Foong to Bankow merchant.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership between Charles Henry Morgan and Edward Norton, under the style of Morgan, Lambert & Co., expires this day by lapse of time.
Mr. C. H. Morgan will sign the firm in liquidation.
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.
tf 156 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

MR. EDWARD NORTON will carry on, in his own name, the Godown and Storage business (lately Morgan, Lambert & Co.'s), and also that of Merchant and Commission Agent.
No. 4, *Praya*.
22nd January, 1870. tf 157

NOTICE.

THE partnership hitherto existing between Mr. Wm. Robertson and Mr. Peter Gabain, under the firm of Robertson & Co, has this day been dissolved.
Mr. Peter Gabain will sign the firm in liquidation.
1m 114 Ningpo, 31st December, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR. RUDOLPH JENSEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.
JOHN BURD & Co.
1m 13 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. William Probst in our Firm ceased on the 31st of Dec. 1868, and Mr. Otto Christian Bern and Mr. Johannes F. Cordes are admitted Partners therein from this date.
Mr. F. Langken and Mr. C. W. Siegfried, have been authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.
W. PUSTAU & Co.
6m 14 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. CESAR ERDMANN, has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per Procuration, from this date.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 15 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. Dhunjeebhoy Merwanjee Mehta is authorized to sign our Firm from this date.
M. D. CHANDY & Co.
1m 17 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN FALCONER ROSE has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date until further notice.
H. G. ROBERTSON & Co.
6m 103 Foochow, 1st January, 1870.

MR. Paul Gerhard Hesse and Mr. Albert Gültzow have been authorized to sign our firm here and in China from this date.
SIEMSSEN & Co.
3m 2063 Hongkong, 1st November, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS H. DE SILVER is admitted a partner in our firm from the 1st of October, 1869.
L. FRICKEL & Co.
tf 2002 Hongkong, 21st October, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR. W. SCOTT FITZ is this day admitted a partner in our firm. Mr. R. S. Dana retires, his interest ceasing on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 68 China, 1st January, 1870.

MR. EDWIN H. SPRING will take charge of our business during our absence and is authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
SAYLE & Co.
1m 70 January 11th 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. Oscar Booth in our firm ceased on the 31st of December last.
Mr. Rudalph Bourjau has this day been admitted a partner in our firm, and Mr. Gustav Wieler has been duly authorized to sign our name from this date.
BOURJAU, HUBENER & Co.
1m 5 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. João Henrique dos Remedios is authorized to sign our Firm, per procuration, from this day.
J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co.
2m 6 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. W. H. Condit, Mr. S. E. Huntington, Mr. R. C. Low, and Mr. J. C. Heitmann, are admitted Partners in our Firm.
SMITH, ARCHER & Co.
2m 13 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. H. H. WARDEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 2311 China, 1st December, 1869.

NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted Mr. Benjamin E. Gall as a Partner in our firm.
FAWCETT & Co.
tf 643 Hongkong, 1st April, 1869.

MR. FRITZ RAPP has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
tf 1166 Hongkong, 11th June, 1869.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster, and General Commission Agent.
C. LANGDON DAVIES.
tf 1243 Hongkong, 1st July, 1868.

NOTICE.

IN THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS LAPRAIK, DECEASED.

PROBATE of the last Will and Testament of Douglas Lapraik, formerly of Hongkong, and lately of Acton, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, one of the Executors in the said Will named, all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to pay the amount of their debts forthwith. Persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned, at the Office of Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co., or to Henry C. Caldwell, Esq., Solicitor, on or before the 31st day of January, 1870, after which date no claims will be received or admitted.
Dated Hongkong, 9th day of July, 1869.
R. E. BAKER, *Executor.*
tf 1342

ANDREW MILLAR,
HOUSE, SHIP, AND STEAMBOAT PLUMBER,
COPPERSMITH AND BRASSFOUNDER
1, Queen's Road East and Nullah Lane.
tf 2088 Hongkong, 4th November, 1869.

WHAMPOA BEEF, Shanghai MUTTON, and all table requisites for Family use,
AT
J. FRISBY & Co.'s,
Butchers, Grocers, and Market Compradors,
Store 73, corner of Wellington and Graham Sts.
Butcher's Stall, Central Market.
tf 861 Hongkong, 1st May, 1869.

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FOR SHANGHAI, NA[GASAKI] AND YOKO[HAMA] ... THE Company's steam[er] "TRAB..." Captain Rival, will be dis[patched] ... ports on FRIDAY, the ... 7 A.M. ... C. ... 9d 113 Hongkong, 19 ...
FOR SINGAPORE, PEN[ANG] AND LO[NDON] ... THE O. S. S. Company ... "NEST..." Captain Denning, will ... named ports about the 5... For Freight or Pass[age] ... tf 158 Hongkong, 24 ...
FOR SWATOW, AMO[Y] ... THE Steamship "DOUG..." Captain Toppin, will ha[ve] ... for the above ports. For Freight or Pass[age] ... DOUGLAS ... tf 146 Hongkong, 2[2] ...
STEAM TO Y... THE P. & O. S. N. Co... "MALA..." will leave for the above ... arrival of the next Engl[ish] ... W. MACA[ULAY] ... P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Offic[e] ... Hongkong, 21st Janu[ary] ...
FOR PORTLA[ND] ... THE 4-masted Barqu[e] "HATTIE ..." Captain Besse, will hav[e] ... above port. For Freight or Cabin ... tf 137 Hongkong, 2 ...
FOR SINGAPORE ... THE British barque "SOR..." Capt. Green, will be ... Ports. For Freight, apply ... SOMJ[EE] ... tf 129 Hongkong, ...
FOR YO[KOHAMA] ... THE British ship "EVE..." Captain J. Clark. For Freight or Pa[ssage] ... 7d 123 Hongkong, ...
FOR MELBOURN[E] ... THE well-known A 1 ... "CHE..." Capt. Jamieson, havin[g] ... her cargo engaged, will ... for the above ports. For Freight or P[assage] ... tf 82 Hongkong, 1 ...
FOR SAN ... THE A 1 British sh[ip] ... "NIA..." Capt. Fry, will have q[uick] ... For Freight or F... AUGUS[TINE] ... tf 104 Hongkong, ...
FOR ... THE Spanish Barqu[e] "MARIA..." Aurtenecho, Master, w[ill] ... the above port. For Freight or Pas[sage] ... tf 85 Hongkong, ...
FOR ... THE British barqu[e] ... Capt. Noble, will hav[e] ... above port. For Freight, app[ly] ... tf 78 Hongkong, ...
FOR BELLE ISL[E] OR HAVR[E] ... THE A 1 British ... "ANN..." Capt. Hutton, havi[ng] ... her cargo engaged, ... for the above ports. For Freight, ap[ply] ... FRE... tf 67 Hongkong, ...
FOR N... THE British Brig ... Klein, Master, of ... the greater portion ... load at Whampoa, a... the above port. For Freight, ap[ply] ... tf 2418 Hongko[ng] ...
FOR L... *To load at Hong[kong]* ... THE A 1 British ... "DU..." Charles Bruce, Ma[ster] ... dispatch, having en[gaged] ... her Cargo. The vessel has ... commodation for pa[ssengers] ... to engage passage, ... For Freight, ... tf 2360 Hongk[ong] ...
FOR FREIG[HT] ... THE Dutch barq[ue] "HELEN..." Captain D. T. Det... ing capacity. Ap[ply] ... DOU... 7d 124 Hongk[ong] ...
FOR FREIG[HT] ... THE A 1 British ... "AM..." Capt. J. Duggan, ... For Particular[s] ... DOU... 7d 100 Hongk[ong] ...
RENTS AND ... with ... DISTRAINT W... issu... SECUR... T... tf 338 Hongk[ong] ...
C. H. ... Manufact[urer] ... HAVANA AN[D] ... TO... 133, QUEE[N'S ROAD] ... H... 1733 ...

TELEGRAPHY TO
D AUSTRALIA.
...y Review.)
...ted, since the successful
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... intercourse with India must
...hort time be as perfect as we
...desire.
...advance to have made, but it
...y a step to further progress.
...ir trade with China, Japan,
...bsolutely demands the exten-
...raph to those countries, and
...has been done and promised
...doubt that this also will be
...d by the efforts of private en-
...company is already vigorously
... a cable, which is to connect
...enang and Singapore, and the
...Straits settlements to the coast
...hough somewhat long, is par-
...nd may be regarded as certain
... distant date. The entire dis-
...lia to Australia is about four
... whatever route be taken, and
...ray has arisen as to the course
... the best results. One project
... been abandoned, was to take a
...traight from Point de Galle to
...e by Singapore through the
...a into the open sea again; and so
...ous stretch of ocean cable over
...sand miles to Western Australia,
...on to Adelaide, which is already
...with the other Australian colo-
...heme involved the necessity of
...tremely light cable — a mere
...hene'l by a few strands
...ut the usual covering of iron—
...ctors satisfied themselves, not
... scientific authority, that the
...d suffice for the requirements of
...erhaps even of picking up. A
... was also indulged that a cable
...llis armour would escape the
...ch animals as might be found in
...epths of the open ocean. Whether
...ption was doubted, or whether
... money market was unpropitious,
...as brought out without success,
... definitely abandoned. It raised
...ry extreme form, what has long
...ding controversy between the ad-
...p and shallow lines. The objections
...aid lines like the Atlantic Cables
... enough. It is very costly and
...ugh not, as was once supposed,
...to pick up and repair a cable laid
... and it is even now undeter-
... many years cables like those to
...l retain strength enough to bear
...ng process. There are equally
...ctions to lines laid in very shallow
...xperience has abundantly proved
...aid within reach of anchors are
...n danger. It is true that they can
...d quickly repaired if ships for the
...kept within reach, but in traversing
...ces over remote seas the incon-
...f frequent breakages would be
...serious. The difficulty can be met
... the cables so strong as to resist any
... which they may be subjected, or by
...g repairing ships within easy
... all portions of the line.
... objections, whether to very deep or
...w lines, are mainly questions of ex-
... light deep-sea cable will cost some
... at first than such heavy lines as are
... Channel; but it will not last nearly
... it must perish at the first occurrence
...after it has been so far weakened by
... decay as not to bear picking up.
... fair term of life of (say) a twelve
...-the Atlantic may be is at present
...ascertained, and no one can do more
... whether it may last five, ten, twenty,
...rs. A heavy cable of from five to
...ay practically be expected to last for
...hen, if in shallow water, it may have
...ired within a certain number of years
...s to cost as much as a new cable would
.... There is one way out of all these
..., which all engineers would choose if
...ways open to them, and that is to lay
...ut cable at a medium depth, altogether
...he reach of anchors, and yet much
...ssible than if it lay at the bottom of
...ic, or deeper still at the bottom of
...ic. Something between 50 and 100
...s about the best possible depth for a
...e cable, but unfortunately we cannot
...anywhere to anywhere without either
...r falling short of this happy medium.
...ra to the Australian and China pro-
... extreme deep-sea route has for the
...een abandoned; but there are still two
... if not both of which seems likely to be
...ne of these is the course we have already
...d, from Ceylon through deep water to
... thence in such depth as can be found
... the Straits, and ultimately by another
...f deep-sea line to the head of Cape
...aria, where a junction will be effected
... Australian system. A line so laid out
...essity light, and it seems that a cable
...ier than the Atlantic Cables is con-
...d. The other route which has been
...l is by comparison a shallow-water line.
...s from Calcutta instead of Ceylon, and
...s way by the coasts of Burmah and
... the Straits, keeping always within the
...dred fathom line. Then follows, as far
... a stretch of still shallower water which
...ire a cable as heavy as those in the Eng-
...nnel. The remainder of the track, with
...eption of a comparatively short piece
... water, is medium soundings all
... to Carpentaria. The main differences
... the two projects, therefore, are
...e one is to be a light cable courting deep
...hroughout wherever it can be found,
...he other is to be a heavy cable seeking
... depths where practicable, and meeting
...fficulties of shallow water which cannot
...led by the method pursued on the coasts
...land—that is to say, by laying a cable
...ong to be broken by any anchor that can
...d of it. For ourselves we should like
...g so well as to see both lines laid. Singa-
...night very reasonably desire to have a
...irect to Calcutta, as well as one to the
...portant centre of Ceylon. One only of
...s yet secured, and on the other side of
...raits, where the two proposed routes are
...ecially identical, nothing has yet been
... No important route ought to be left
...lent on the chances of interruption to
...a single wire is exposed, and it is more
...tion for the projectors than for the public
...er they will choose a light or a heavy
...end work through deep or shallow sea,
...r other, if not both, of the contemplated
...es will, we hope, be completed without

much more delay, so that our fellow-subjects in Australia may no longer have to complain that, while England has three cables through which to telegraph to America, she has done nothing yet to bring herself nearer to her Southern colonies.

A WARNING TO SHARP PRACTITIONERS.

(Examiner.)

With all its faults, the average British jury sometimes distinguishes itself in a way which leads one to forgive it all its past offences. It is occasionally visited by a rush of moral enthusiasm and assumes a license in the interpretation of evidence which is a trifle dangerous, but highly satisfactory in particular cases. Several of our juries have been showing themselves in ridiculous colours of late; and it is only a week or two ago that two young women, on being declared innocent of the charge preferred against them, clapped their hands and blessed the twelve apostles of civil and religious liberty before them, the judge adding, "Yes, you may well be grateful; for in the whole course of my professional experience I never heard so extraordinary a verdict." But, as we say, the British jury sometimes errs in the right direction; and there can be no doubt that in convicting Mr. Robert Cook, money lender, of false and fraudulent practices, his twelve countrymen so far stretched the laws of evidence as to punish a man morally, if not legally guilty. That the verdict is not defensible in law we are not prepared to affirm; but it is clear that if Mr. Cook was legally guilty, a good many people who fancy they may indulge in "sharp practice" with impunity ought to take counsel with themselves and exercise some caution. The facts of the present case are simple enough. A surveyor, residing in Ireland, is pressed for money, and answers the advertisement of a money-lender in London. The surveyor, Mr. Hall, has a reversionary interest in some property, and is also in receipt of an annuity of £50 during his mother's lifetime. The money-lender, who is in reality Mr. Cook, receives a mortgage on Mr. Hall's Irish property to the extent of £300, giving Mr. Hall therefor £440. This, it will be perceived, is £160 interest to start with. Thereafter Mr Hall insures his life for £200; and in 1863 he dies. Mrs Hall, in destitute circumstances, takes the policy to Mr Cook, and begs him to assist her. He promises to get the money for nothing, as he knows certain directors of the Insurance Company in question; and so she leaves the policy in his hands. He also tells her that there was some portion of her husband's property on which money could be lent; and her impression was that she was to receive £200 on mortgage and £200 for the policy on Mr. Hall's life. A long deed of assignment was drawn up, part of which Mr Cook hurriedly read over, so that she could not understand its purport; and this document she signed. She was very much in want of money; and Mr Cook gave her a cheque for £50, she signing the following receipt:—"Expenses of administration in England and Ireland, £120; bonus, £30; cash advanced this day, £50; total £200." Could any document more plainly state that Mrs. Hall was to receive £50, and no more, out of the £200 due to her on the insurance policy? It seems hardly possible that any woman could read these words without perceiving their import; and it is almost inconceivable that a woman should be so foolish as to sign, without inquiry or reflection, such a paper. Mrs. Hall did sign it, however. Towards the close of the year, the widow and her children being in very reduced circumstances, she again applied to Cook for money, and received £10, which was on account of the mortgage. A second time she applied, and received £5; but, on inquiring when the money due on the insurance policy was to be paid, she was told that it had been all swallowed up in expenses. In this emergency she sought the advice of her brother, who wrote to Cook several letters to which no attention was paid. The brother then called upon Cook, and was given to understand that Mrs. Hall had received all the money due to her—that is to say, sixty five pounds as against both the policy and mortgage. An action was brought against Cook, who was thereupon ordered to pay over the £200 resulting from the insurance; although nothing seems to have been done in the matter of the property which was mortgaged, and an assignment of which to Cook had been executed by Mrs. Hall. Hence the present criminal proceedings; and the transference to gaol of Mr. Cook for the space of twelve months.

The moral guilt of the money-lender is so obvious, that the whole story looks a piece of fiction. We have the poor widow and her destitute children, with the rich man robbing them of their property, and adding scornful insult when the widow, with tears in her eyes, begs for pity. That Mr. Cook richly deserves what he has got no one, we presume, will deny. But the question is, in what did his cruelly unjust treatment of this poor woman differ from many forms of "sharp practice" with which the law does not seek to interfere? A man who lets a farm at a rent he knows will be ruinous to his tenant; or who sells a horse for £100 that is only worth £40; or who sells a house for double its value, is not liable to be prosecuted for fraud, although fraud actually does exist. Sharp practice simply means injustice; and injustice ought to be criminal; but at present it is not. Cook, the money-lender, did not coerce Mrs Hall into signing away her property. If she was unable to understand the purport of the deed of assignment, she ought, he would say, either to consult a properly qualified person, or to risk the consequences. Cook was not a lawyer; he was a money-lender; and, in making the best bargain he could for himself, he does not seem iniquitous as it clearly was, he does not seem to us to have done much more than is commonly done by a horse-dealer or an over-reaching trader. The signing of the receipt for £200, by Mrs. Hall, was an inconceivable piece of folly; but we are glad to know that a Hertford jury saw the matter in its proper light, and ordered the delivery of the money. The jury who tried the criminal case followed suit; and gave judgment in equity. If these results are to be taken as a precedent, sharp practitioners must give heed. Here is a man who possesses a legal assignment of property and a clearly-expressed receipt for certain moneys, neither of which he has obtained by violence or forgery. Yet in the one case he is ordered to refund the money, and in the other he gets a year's imprisonment for injustice. Consent, therefore, on the part of the victim, proves nothing. We shall be glad to see how this principle works in cases where young men have been cajoled into promising to a usurer a fabulous rate of interest in consideration of an immediate loan. Indeed, if fraud is to be judged morally, and the judgment recorded in legal penalties, we do not see where we shall be able to stop. In the meantime, there can be but one opinion as to the very gross case of wrong under notice. The money-lender who induces a feeble and necessitous woman, ignorant of legal terms, to hand over the custody of her property to him, and flagrantly abuses the trust, may well be made a warning to others whose deeds, if less pronounced, bear the same odium of moral guilt.

A Missouri editor speaks thus of one his brethren of the press:—"The poor old dilapidated piece of flesh and bones who hangs himself out every week in the *Jackson Standard*, and who, by common consent, was considered the jackass of the Editorial Union, has rattled his old skeleton at us."

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Hongkong, Tuesday Evening.

There has been some little fluctuation in the drug market for Patna, in consequence of bargain chop scrips having been forced upon the market. Patna changed hands at $635 from speculators hands, and $637½ cash, and $640 on credit, from the holders. Benares, $528½ to $530, cash, and $531½ to $532½ on credit; Patna old with 1st sales new drug on time $541½ to $543½; Benares new, on time, $527½ to $530, for the 1st sales. Patna, 1st sales, new, $557½ to $560; Malwa, $640 to $642½, for first class drug, but little doing.

Nothing has been done in piece goods, cotton or saltpetre. There have been sales of Fire shares to the extent of about 35 shares at $205 cash, and $210, for the end of February. A small lot of new Banks have changed hands at 23 premium, *cum div.* and about 100 at 20 *ex div.* for the end of March.

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old... 36 to 37 prem.
New... 19 prem.
H'kong & W'poa Dock... 6 dis.
H'kong C'ton & Macao Steam Boat Shares... 26 cash prem.; ex div.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares... $1,409 prem.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares... $263 pr. per s.
Union Dock Shares... 45 dis.
Hongkong Hotel Shares... 50 to 60 "

SALES ON 25TH JANUARY, 1870.
As reported by Chinese.

White Sugar, 100 bags, at $7.15, by Tai Foong Shun to Fatshan merchant.
White Sugar, 100 bags, at $6.80, by Tai Foong Shun to Fatshan merchant.
Sapanwood, 1,900 piculs, at $1.50, by Tung Wo Cheong to Fatshan merchant.
Rattans, 400 bundles, at $4.20, by Hop Hing to Canton merchant.
Rattans, 300 bundles, at $3.85, by Hop Hing to Canton merchant.
White Sugar, 400 bags, at $7.10, by Hop Hing to Hongkong merchant.
White Sugar, 600 bags, at $7.00, by Wing Cheong Shun to Hongkong merchant.
China Roots, 100 piculs, at $3.80, by Fook Wing Loong to Saigon merchant.
Vermicelli, 50 bags, at $7.00, by Fook Wing Loong to travelling merchant.
Black Pepper, 150 bags, at $9.20, by Hung Foong to Hankow merchant.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership between CHARLES HENRY MORGAN and EDWARD NORTON, under the style of MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co., expires this day by lapse of time.
Mr. C. H. MORGAN will sign the firm in liquidation.
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.
tf 156 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

MR. EDWARD NORTON will carry on, in his own name, the Godown and Storage business (lately MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.'s), and also that of Merchant and Commission Agent.
No. 4, Praya.
22nd January, 1870. [tf 157

NOTICE.

THE partnership hitherto existing between Mr. WM. ROBERTSON and Mr. PETER GABAIN, under the firm of ROBERTSON & Co. has this day been dissolved.
Mr. PETER GABAIN will sign the firm in liquidation.
1m 114 Ningpo, 31st December, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR. RUDOLPH JENSEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.
JOHN BURD & Co.
1m 12 Hongkong, 1st January 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM PROBST in our Firm ceased on the 31st of Dec. 1868, and Mr. OTTO CHRISTIAN BEHN and Mr. JOHANNES F. CORDES are admitted Partners therein from this date.
Mr. F. LANCKEN and Mr. C. W. STEGEMANN, have been authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.
W. PUSTAU & Co.
6m 14 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. CESAR ERDMANN, has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per Procuration, from this date.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 15 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. DHUNJEEBHOY MERWANJEE MEHTA is authorized to sign our Firm from this date.
M. D. GHANDY & Co.
1m 17 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. JOHN FALCONER ROSE has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date until further notice.
H. G. ROBERTSON & Co.
6m 103 Foochow, 1st January, 1870.

MR. PAUL GERHARD HÜNNE and Mr. ALBERT GÜLZOW have been authorized to sign our firm here and in China from this date.
SIEMSSEN & Co.
3m 2063 Hongkong, 1st November, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS H. DE SILVER is admitted a partner in our firm from the 1st of October, 1869.
L. FRICKEL & Co.
tf 2002 Hongkong, 21st October, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR. W. SCOTT FITZ is this day admitted a partner in our firm. Mr. R. S. DANA retires, his interest ceasing on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 68 China, 1st January, 1870.

MR. EDWIN H. SPRING will take charge of our business during our absence and is authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
SAYLE & Co.
1m 70 January 11th 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. OSCAR BOOTH in our firm ceased on the 31st of December last.
Mr. RUDOLPH BOURJAU has this day been admitted a partner in our firm, and Mr. GUSTAV WIELER has been duly authorized to sign our name from this date.
BOURJAU, HUBENER & Co.
1m 5 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. JOÃO HENRIQUE DOS REMEDIOS is authorized to sign our Firm, per procuration, from this day.
J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co.
2m 6 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. W. H. CONDIT, Mr. S. E. HUNTINGTON, Mr. H. C. LOW, and Mr. J. C. HEITMANN, are admitted Partners in our Firm.
SMITH, ARCHER & Co.
2m 13 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. H. H. WARDEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 2311 China, 1st December, 1869.

NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted Mr. BENJAMIN E. GALL as a Partner in our firm.
FAWCETT & Co.
tf 643 Hongkong, 1st April, 1869.

MR. FRITZ RAPP has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
tf 1166 Hongkong, 11th June, 1869.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster, and General Commission Agent.
C. LANGDON DAVIES.
tf 1243 Hongkong, 1st July, 1868.

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
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will be dispatched for the above port on SATURDAY, the 29th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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DRILLING AND SCREWING MACHINES,
A LARGE SMITHY, &c., &c., &c.
Large Godowns are on the premises for STOWAGE OF CARGO, &c., &c. A large Stock of Woods, Metal, &c., &c., always on hand.
The Dock Steam Tug *Woosung* is available at all times to tow vessels to or from Sea, at current rates, on application to
JOHN C. SKEY,
Superintendent
The list of Charges for lighting or remetalling vessels can be obtained from
Messrs. DE SILVER & Co., Hongkong.
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai.
tf 876 May3

NAGASAKI PATENT SLIP.
THIS SLIP is now available for docking Ships of 1,200 Tons or under, and all work connected therewith, as also in the SHIPWRIGHTS, JOINERS, BOAT-BUILDERS, SPAR-MAKERS, and general departments is under experienced European Superintendence.
The SLIP has been most substantially constructed, in a perfectly land locked and secure position, and has been pronounced by competent authority as equal to any existing works of the same kind.
Charge, for three days' use of the Slip, One Dollar per ton, and all labour, material, &c., supplied on moderate terms. For further information, apply to
GLOVER & Co.,
Managers
tf 937 Nagasaki, Japan.

NOTICE.

ALEXANDRE BOYER.
REMOVED from premises corner of *Wellington* and *D'Aguilar Streets* to premises lately occupied by Messrs. BOWRA & Co., *Queen's Road.*
tf 29 Hongkong, 5th January, 1870.

LEONARD BARNES,
GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKER,
(By appointment).
Funerals entrusted to his care will be properly and economically conducted.
Head Stones cut and erected.
Spring Gardens,
Opposite Messrs. Bull, Purdon & Co
tf 755 Hongkong, 15th April, 1869.

B. J. DORSEY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT
AND
INSURANCE AGENT,
41 *and* 42, *Merchants' Exchange,*
CALIFORNIA STREET,
SAN FRANCISCO
References:—
ALLAN MCLANE, Esq., President, Pacific M. S. S. Co., New York.
LOUIS MCLANE, Esq., New York.
JOHN EADIE, Esq., President, United States Life Ins. Co., New York.
Messrs. BARRON & Co., San Francisco.
Messrs. C. ADOLPHE, LOW & Co., San Francisco.
T. A. HARRIS, Esq., Agent, P. M. S. S. Co., Hongkong.
GEO. E. LANE, Esq., Agent, Pacific M. S. S. Co., Yokohama.
GEO. F. BOWMAN, Esq., Agent, Pacific M. S. S Co., Shanghai. [1y 1337

RIFLES, FIXED AMMUNITION AND GUNPOWDER.
RODMOND GIBBONS & Co.,
SAN FRANCISCO,
Agents for:
WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS CO.,
and
E. J. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & Co.,
are prepared to sell Rifles, Carbines, Fixed Ammunition, and Gunpowder, on terms more favorable than they can obtained from New York. [1y 713 Ap. 10

GEORGE SISTER,
MERCHANT AND LLOYDS' AGENT,
CALLAO AND LIMA,
6m 2429] PERU. [Dec. 24

SAIL MAKING.
WILLIAM DOLAN having returned to Hongkong, has resumed his business of SAIL MAKING in all its branches, at his old place in *Duddell Street*, and solicits the patronage of the Public.
He has on hand a fine assortment of 8 and 10 ounce RAVINS DUCK, suitable for Boat Sails or Awnings.
tf 858 Hongkong, 30th April, 1869

Post-Office Notifications.

A mail will close.
For Manila.—Per barque *Lola*, to-day, the 26th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Swatow, Amoy, and Shanghai.—Per *Albion*, to-day, the 26th instant, at 3.30 P.M., instead of at the time previously notified.
For Yokohama.—Per str. *Thabor*, to-day, the 26th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Hiogo, and Yokohama.—Per Messageries Imperiales str. *Thabor*, on Friday, the 28th instant, at 6.30 A.M.

It is hereby notified for general information, by order of His Excellency SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, that henceforward Book Packets, and Packets of Patterns or Samples of Merchandize, may be transmitted through the Post by the Mails made up to be forwarded both by the British Contract Packets and by Private Ships, between this Office and each Agency thereof in China and Japan, viz.: Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Hiogo, and Yokohama, and also between any two of these Agencies, at the following rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, viz.:—

Not exceeding 4 oz. ... 6 cents.
Above 4 oz., and not exceeding 8 oz. 12 "
" 8 " " " 1 lb. 24 "
" 1 lb. " " 1½ " 36 "
Every additional ½lb. ... 12 "

Special attention is directed to the following rules and regulations, which will be strictly enforced:—

AS REGARDS BOOKS.

A Book Packet may contain any number of separate Books, Almanacks, Maps or Prints, and any quantity of paper, vellum or parchment (to the exclusion of letters whether sealed or open); and the Books, Maps, Paper, &c., may be either printed, written or plain, or any mixture of the three.
All legitimate binding, mounting or of a portion thereof, will be allowed, whether such binding be lose or attached; as also rollers in the case of prints, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of Books, and in short whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter or usually appertains thereto.
Every Book packet must be either without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.
It must not contain any letter, open or sealed, nor any sealed enclosure whatever; the name and address of the sender is however not only permitted, but recommended, so that if the cover come off, or for any other reason the packet cannot be forwarded, it many be returned.
No packet must exceed two feet in length, breadth or depth, exceeding these dimensions it cannot be forwarded through the Post.

AS REGARDS PATTERNS.

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rules excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed, whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern, must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.
There must be no writing or marks other than the address of the person for whom the packet is intended, and that of the sender, a trade mark and numbers, and prices of the articles; otherwise the Packet will be detained, or forwarded charged an unpaid letter.
The Patterns must be sent in covers open at ends, so as to be easy of examination. Samples, however, of seeds, drugs, and so forth, which cannot be sent in open covers may be enclosed in bags of linen or other material, tied at the neck; bags so closed that they cannot readily be opened, even although they be transparent, must not be used for this purpose. Non-compliance with this rule, will also subject the packet to be detained or forwarded as an unpaid letter.
In all other respects the general regulations of the Book Post between Hongkong and the United Kingdom will apply to the Pattern Post. Under these regulations, in order to prevent any interruption to the regular transmission of letters, a Packet of Patterns may, when it is necessary, be kept back for the following Mail, by which, in the ordinary course, it would be forwarded.
The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office, is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz.: Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, curry combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all kinds.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 13th October, 1869.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA, MARSEILLES; ALSO, BOMBAY, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.
ON TUESDAY, the 1st of February, 1870, at noon, the Company's Steamship "HOOGLY," Commandant DE BOVIS, (H.I.M.N.), with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 5 P.M. on the 31st of January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
C. BERTRAND, *Principal Agent.*
Hongkong, 8th January, 1870.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH U.S. MAIL LINE TO NEW YORK.
Via PANAMA *or* OVERLAND ROUTE.
STEAMERS of this line will be dispatched as follows:—
China, ... Feb. 12th.
America, ... March 12th.
Japan, ... April 12th.
A steamer will leave Shanghai on or about same date, connecting with above-named steamer at Yokohama.
Passengers ticketed through to California, Mexico, Central and South America, and by OVERLAND ROUTE to principal points in the United States and Canadas, and, connecting with the various steam lines from New York to Liverpool, Southampton, Bremen, Brest, and Havre.
Through Tickets issued, also, to New York and Europe via Panama Route, and to Europe, per steamers of The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, The West India and Pacific Steamship Company, Limited, and The Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, from Aspinwall direct. Connections made at Panama with Steam lines upon the West Coast of Central and South America, by which passengers are ticketed through.
Through Bills of Lading given for Freight via CENTRAL PACIFIC RAIL ROAD and its connections to the principal points in the United States and Canadas, and for Freight *Overland* for ENGLAND and the CONTINENT.
Through Bills of Lading given, also, for New York and Europe via Panama route, and to Europe via Aspinwall Lines, to Ports of Mexico, and ports on the West Coast of Central America, and South America to as far as Valparaiso.
Favorable arrangements have been made for through Passengers and Freight to America from Calcutta, Penang, and Singapore, and from Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.
All Freight payable in advance in Mexican dollars, or on delivery in American gold with 8 per cent. additional, at Shipper's option.
Return Passage Tickets issued at a reduction of 10%, upon the whole amount for the round voyage.
For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply at the Agency of the Company, *Praya West.*
T. A. HARRIS, *Agent.*
Hongkong, 15th January, 1870.

Extracts.

Life in the Fair.

The days pass far too quickly. We are up before the sun, and in the saddle for a gallop over the plain outside Khartoum. Petherick now rides a beautiful Arabian horse. It was a colt when he left for England. He has been brought up by hand on a milk diet, and, in consequence, we have called him "Baby." His dam died a week after his birth. "Baby's" paces are beautiful; and when he is properly trained, he is destined to carry me. He often far distances "Luxor;" and when pulled in, and I am again at my husband's side, "Luxor" makes great snaps at the colt's tail. It is evidently a jealous freak on my horse's part—he can only shew a shortish tail, whilst "Baby's" reaches the ground. We generally have two attendants, whose dress is showy in the extreme; and they always use the handsome Turkish saddle with silver-mounted trappings. They carry our guns, so that, when any game is seen, they are readily handed to us; and as our horses stand fire well, there is no difficulty in the way of dismounting. We return in an hour—Petherick to his work, and I to pay the garden a visit, in which we have planted many English flower and vegetable seeds; and I have also generally time, before the gong sounds for nine o'clock breakfast, to hold a concert. To the kindness of poor Dr. Peney's widow I am indebted for a piano, mine being on board the *Kathleen*, still on her way from Korosko. The musicians who assist are the birds. When they hear the first chords, they assemble, outside and in. They sing joyously, and chirp, even parrot Polly does her best to add to the harmony. I have many pretty captives in a small aviary, but before we leave I shall liberate them, as I fear they might not be carefully tended. The houses here have spacious and very lofty rooms. The birds build their nests in the rafters which support the flat roof; and as the windows are always open, they are constantly flying to and fro. There is a fountain in one saloon, and thither they come to drink. After breakfast, which is a very social and substantial meal, we pass a short time in the garden, and then part—Petherick to his duties and I to mine. We seldom see each other until dinner hour, at three o'clock. Sometimes visitors happen to call, but there are few Europeans here, and the Turks I do not see. After dinner, a walk in the garden on the shady side, where the palm and the fig trees are numerous, or beneath the shelter of the vines, where the grapes are forming. This indulgence is but brief, for there is still more work to be done; and again we separate, to meet when the sun is getting low, and then we visit the animals and pets. The antelopes, gazelles, and goats try to put their noses into our pockets; the horses also, as they know well we carry with us nuts and bread for them. We have a multitude of donkeys, bought for our use in the interior; and generally when our sunset stroll begins we see the doctor and Foxcroft, mounted on two of the best, starting for their short evening ride. When the sun is fairly down and the lamps lighted, coffee is served. We read a little, have plenty of music, and play back-gammon. Then comes a grateful thanksgiving, and the day is ended.—*Travels in Central Africa. By Mr. and Mrs. Petherick.*

An Eastern Celebrity.

Dining with Count Waldstein, one night, I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Hekekan Bey, an Armenian gentleman resident in Cairo, whose name is mentioned in almost every book or letter written about that city. Formerly in the service of the Viceroy, he has retired in his old age, yet green and vigorous, to pursue his researches after the mystic meaning of the Old Egyptian monuments, and to cultivate his critical faculties in the pursuit of the true character of civilization, the religious, philosophical, and metaphysical formulæ, of which so many traces lie around him in the land of his adoption. One of the old régime, he is not, perhaps, so favourably impressed with the somewhat violent efforts of the Government to civilize the Egyptians of to-day, as he might be. A Christian, and a freemason, and a mathematician, he is a profound believer in the immense extent and profundity of ancient Egyptian knowledge. To hear him speak, one would believe that, in astronomy, the Egyptians of the time of Pharaoh were at least, as well versed as the Astronomer Royal. His conversation was, to us all, singularly interesting, instructive, and novel. Speaking English with the greatest purity and ease (and, indeed, what language does he not speak?) the graceful Armenian was wont to sit for hours telling us of adventures amongst the Arabs of the desert, when he was out surveying for the Government in times gone by, or propounding with the utmost animation his astounding theories concerning the nature of Egyptian monuments, to which he attributed the deepest significance, to be understood only by the instructed. I was much interested by a visit which I paid my friend one day at his house. It was close to our so-called palace, surrounded by a lofty wall, enclosing a court-yard in front and large garden in the rear. At the gateway slumbered an ancient janitor, who pointed to the courtyard and called out lazily to one of the servants within, when I asked for his master. Three of the Bey's horses, half buried in the green pulse which is now given in enormous quantities to cattle to prepare them for the summer droughts, stood at one side of the hall door in the court. A dromedary, beautifully caparisoned, was in another corner, with an attendant by its head. Some goats were feeding in another place close to a great Syrian house-dog, and a couple of syces, with their heads covered, were sleeping in the shade of a tree. I passed through the hall to an inner court, where an Arab met me. He led me upstairs to the library, where the venerable Bey sat, at a desk covered with piles of manuscript in inscrutable characters feeding on books. The Arab is a real child of the desert. When quite a boy, his leg was broken by a fall from a camel. Hekekan Bey set the limb, and won the man's affection so thoroughly that he renounced his nomad life, and is now a staid domestic in the house. After a while he went off to the desert, and there married a woman of his tribe. But nothing would induce her to abandon her people. Periodically she comes to Cairo and visits her husband, and after a few days she returns to the desert. Although full of gratitude to the Bey for his kindness to her husband, she has never yet let him see her face. She sits veiled in his presence; and only to the ladies of his household does she uncover.—*A Diary in the East during the Tour of the Prince and Princess of Wales. By William Howard Russell.*

A little boy, only eight years of age, was tried on the 2nd December at Chelmsford, on a charge of placing an obstruction on the Great Eastern Railway, near Littlebury Station, with intent to endanger the safety of the passengers. Fortunately one of the porters passed near the spot and removed the obstruction just in time to prevent an accident to a train then due. The prisoner, young as he was was, said to be a mischievous and troublesome lad, and since he had been in custody had pulled down bell-handles, torn the blankets of his bed, turned out the gas in the gaol chapel during service, and played well-nigh as many tricks as the troublesome sprite of Lord Cranstone in the "Lay of the Last Minstrel." The Judge (Baron Pigott) ordered him to be handed over to his parents, on condition that they gave him a good flogging, which they promised should be done.

FACTS AND DATES; OR, LEADING EVENTS IN SACRED AND PROFANE HISTORY, &c.: The Memory being aided throughout by an easy and natural method. By the Rev. A. MacKay, LL.D., F.R.G.S., &c. William Blackwood and Sons, London and Edinburgh.—We cannot understand these systems of mnemonics. As a simple collection of facts the book is admirable, but to have to learn that 5 stands for L, and 2 for D, and that then L may possibly mean *lustre* and D *distinguishe*; and that, therefore, 52 teaches us that simple metallic substances are distinguished by their lustre, is rather a roundabout kind of logic. Or again, because l stands for C and W for a cipher, that, therefore, "100" may be used as a jug to the memory of the fact that the Teutonic blood, pure and unmixed, is the civilizer of the whole world, seems to be a severer task on the memory than the mere recollection of the fact itself. It happens that the same numeral occurs a score times, perhaps, and therefore denotes as many facts, and the student may get bothered. Again, when the numbers get as high as 123,683, which means "a comet demanding a hundred millenniums to reach his goal," or 102,059, which means "consider the extraordinary duration of yonder luminary's year," and which is supposed to make the student remember the comet of 1844, we can only say that we sincerely pity the poor fellow who has to understand the system. When he has done that, he may remember something.—*Albion.*

Houses, Lands, Tenements, &c.

TO LET.

TO LET.

A FIRST FLOOR in Bank Buildings, containing four excellent rooms, very suitable for Offices or Chambers.
For particulars, apply to
GILMAN & Co.
tf 159 Hongkong, 24th January, 1870.

TO LET,
With immediate possession.
THE very desirable Business PREMISES, situated in the *Wellington Street*, No. 67.
Apply within, to
A. CHOON.
1m 49 Hongkong, 8th January, 1870.

TO LET.
HOUSE, No. 2, *Pedder's Hill*, containing four large rooms, with complete accomodation for Servants besides. Water and Gas laid on.
Six fire-proof Granite GODOWNS, below *Pedder's Hill*.
For Particulars, apply to
A. PESTONJEE SETNA,
Corner of Gage and Peel Streets.
tf 20 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

TO LET.
(With possession on 1st January next).
THOSE Two HOUSES and OFFICES, Nos. 18 and 20, *Stanley Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 2346 Hongkong, 13th December, 1869.

TO LET,
(With possession on 1st January next).
THE very desirable Business PREMISES, situated the corner of *D'Aguilar Street* and *Wellington Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. A. BOYER & Co. Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 2347 Hongkong, 13th December, 1869.

TO LET,
(With immediate possession).
THE commodious three storied HOUSE, No. 1, *Wyndham Street*, lately in the occupation of Messrs. BONNETT & Co. Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 2348 Hongkong, 13th December, 1869.

TO LET,
(With immediate possession).
THAT desirable BUNGALOW, known as "Greenmount," situate on the *Bonham Road*, and till lately in the occupation of C. H. MORGAN, Esq.
For Particulars, apply to
GILMAN & Co.
tf 2185 Hongkong, 19th November, 1869.

TO LET.
IN West Terrace, *Caine Road*, Nos. 3 and 5, containing Four rooms each, also No. 7, with Five rooms and Garden. Water laid on. Bath-rooms, &c. Apply to
THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
47, *Wyndham Street.*
tf 2124 Hongkong, 10th November, 1869.

TO LET,
From the 1st December next.
THE Eligible Residence situated above *Bonham Road*, recently in the occupation of M. BOSMAN, Esq.
For Particulars, apply to
ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.
tf 1928 Hongkong, 11th October, 1869.

FIRST-CLASS Granite GODOWNS, at *Wanchai*, from 12 to 30,000 piculs capacity. Apply to
S. E. BURROWS & SONS.
tf 1780 Hongkong, 17th September, 1869.

TO LET.
THE commodious Business Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. SMITH, ARCHER & Co., situated at *Spring Gardens*, and consisting of a Large Three storied Dwelling House containing 22 Rooms, with outhouses and Stables attached; two large dry and airy Godowns, capable of holding 10,000 piculs each, with Offices and Private rooms over the same. The whole having a frontage on the Praya of 210 feet, with use of a private wharf, and a fine view of the harbor.
The houses have recently been painted and put in thorough repair.
For further particulars, apply to
JOHN GERRARD.
tf 1586 Hongkong, 19th August, 1869.

TO LET.
With immediate possession.
THE HOUSE and OFFICES, No. 4, *Gough Street*, lately occupied by Messrs. A. WILKINSON & Co. Apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 1057 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

TO LET,
With immediate possession.
NO. 4, Pechili Terrace, *Elgin Street.* Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
tf 1868 Hongkong, 30th September, 1869.

TO LET,
(With immediate possession).
A BUNGALOW at *Pokfolum*. Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
tf 1683 Hongkong, 1st September, 1869.

TO BE LET.
With Possession on 1st Oct. next.
THE HOUSE and OFFICE, No. 9, *Gough Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. KIRCHNER, BÖGER & Co. Apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 1274 Hongkong, 1st July, 1869.

TO LET,
ONE FLOOR of a HOUSE in *Queen's Road*, well situated.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
tf 591 Hongkong, 24th March, 1869.

TO LET.
With Possession on the 1st May Next.
THOSE very desirable Business Premises, situated in the *Queen's Road*, and extending to the Praya, at present occupied by Messrs. BOWRA & Co.
This property can be divided into three portions—that in the Praya is detached, and contains extensive Godowns in the ground and middle floors, with private residence on the upper floor, and separate entrance thereto.
The portion abutting on the *Queen's Road*, from its very central position, is admirably adapted for a Shop or Store, having Godowns on the basement floor, and Dwelling Apartment on the upper floor.
The central portion consist of two Blocks of Buildings, each two storied, and suitable for Offices and Godowns.
For Particulars, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 426 Hongkong, 1st March, 1869.

HOUSES TO LET.
IN various Parts of Hongkong. A list of HOUSES with *size, locality* and *terms* can be seen at No. 47, *Wyndham Street*.
THOS. W. BARRINGTON.
tf 642 Hongkong, 11th March, 1867.

TO BE LET.
THE very desirable business premises lately occupied by Messrs. LYALL, STILL & Co., —a portion of which are now occupied by Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.—with large and commodious dwelling-house and extensive Godowns on the *Praya*.
For full Particulars, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
tf 2364 Hongkong, 16th December, 1868.

TO LET.
THAT commodious family residence in *Bonham Road*, known as "Persepolis," containing 12 Rooms, besides basement story, Bath rooms, Coach House and Stable, Gas and Water laid on.
Also, Croquet ground, Flower and Vegetable garden. Apply to
THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
47, *Wyndham Street.*
tf 1080 Hongkong, 4th June, 1869.

TO LET,
(With immediate possession.)
SEVERAL Strong commodious GODOWNS, very conveniently situated on Marine Lot No. 63, between Messrs. JOHN BURD & Co.'s premises and Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s Wharf.
For Particulars, apply to
A. McLEOD,
At Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf 829 Hongkong, 26th April, 1869.

LIGHTERAGE AND STORAGE.
THE Undersigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other Merchandise in their own Boats, and to receive the same on storage in first class GRANITE GODOWNS on moderate terms.
ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.
tf Hongkong, 4th March, 1867.

Insurances.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant POLICIES against Fire on Buildings and Goods, at current rates.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 366 Hongkong, 7th February, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above INSURANCE COMPANY, are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the Current Rates.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 573 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1867.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
POLICIES granted on *Marine Risks* to all parts of the World, at current rates.
In addition to the usual brokerage, this Association returns to the assured *Twenty per cent. of its yearly profits*, divided *pro rata* to the net premium contributed.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Secretaries.
tf 1089 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies gainst Sea Risks at current rates.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 1022 Hongkong, 1st April, 1865.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.
FOR Insuring Houses and other Buildings, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Manufacturing and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Harbour, or Dock, and the Cargoes of such Ships; also, Ships Building and Repairing; Barges and other Vessels on Navigable Rivers and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of $60,000 on any one First Class Risk.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

NOTICE.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding............1 month ¼ per cent.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding............} 3 „ ½ „
Above 3 months, and not exceeding............} 6 „ ¾ „
Above 6 months the full annual rate.
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,
Agents the Queen Insurance Company.
tf 954 Hongkong, 22nd May, 1868.

NOTICE.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Insurance Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine risks at Current Rates. Policies can be made payable at all the principal ports throughout the world.
MORGAN LAMBERT & Co.
Agents.
tf 2113 Hongkong, 7th November, 1868.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice, viz:—
Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses (removed from the town) and their contents. } ½ per cent.
Other Dwelling Houses (similarly situated) and their contents } ¾ per cent.
Offices and Godowns and their contents. } 1 per cent.
Other Risks by Special arrangement.
The following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Policies:—
Not exceeding 10 days ⅛th per cent.
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Fair Leader,	Newman	Brit. bk	475	Ed. Schellhass & Co.	
Fidelitas,	Jespersen	N. G. bk	313	Wm. Pustau & Co	
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Formosa,	Paulsen	N. G. bk	275	Melchers & Co	
Fort Regent,	Olsen	Brit. sh	653	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
Fortune,	Lubeck	Siam. bk	520	Chinese	
Frisia,	Tutein	N. G. sch	207	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	
Galatea,	Crowell	Amr. sh	932	Aug. Heard & Co	
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Gipsey,	C. Simpson	Brit. bk	250	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	
Golden State,	Delano	Amr. sh	940	Smith, Archer & Co	
Grace Peile,	E. W. Tyson	Brit. bk	820	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Great Admiral,	Jackson	Amr. sh	1576	Aug. Heard & Co	Portland
H. C. Bessé,	Bease	Amr. bk	605	Chinese	*F't or Charter*
H. & Henriette,	Deterding	Ned. bk	430	D. Lapraik & Co	Yokohama
Hongkong,	Cluver	N. G. bk	500	Melchers & Co	
Ignacio,	Jerardo	Span. sch	170	Remedios & Co	
Ino,	Schultes	N. G. bg	180	John Burd & Co	
Japan,	Hover	N. G. bk	215	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Johann & Wilhelm,	Strate	Ned. bk	410	Wm. Pustau & Co	Ningpo
J. Heinrich,	Woulbrand	N. G. bk	161	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Julia Ann,	Baker	Brit. bk	456	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Jules Dufaure,	Bouyer	Fren. bk	420	Aug. Heard & Co	
Lauderdale	Smith	Brit. sh	815	Gilman & Co	*Repairing*
Lizzie,	Peake	Amr. bk	480	Aug. Heard & Co	
Lola,	Urriz	Span. bk	100	Remedios & Co	
Louisa,	Hansen	Dan. bk	227	E. Schellhass & Co	
Ludwig,	A. Hein	N. G. bg	316	Siemssen & Co	
Laju,	Scott	Brit. sh	240	Captain	
Malay,	Clouth	Amr. sh	712	Aug. Heard & Co	
Matura,	Steffens	N. G. bk	257	Siemssen & Co	
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Minerva,	Dias	Span. bk	278	Remedios & Co	
Morning Star,	Schult	Siam. bk	480	Chinese	
Niagara,	Fry	Brit. sh	1859	Aug. Heard & Co	San Francisco
Navarino,	Nutt	Brit. bk	406	Landstein & Co	
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Panama,	Milson	N. G. bk	600	E. Schellhass & Co	
Pareco,	Soule	Amr. sh	543	Olyphant & Co	
Peter Rehland,	Brake	N. G. bk	560	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Prosperity,	Talle	Siam. sh	601	Chinese	
Q. of England,	Hoffman	Siam. sh	543	Chinese	Bangkok
Rangoon,	Congdon	Brit. sh	1205	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Ripple,	Elliot	Brit. bk	880	Order	
St. Lorenzo,	Lederena	Span. bk	228	Remedios & Co	
Sea Shell,	Bisset	Brit. bk	265	Order	
Shanghai,	Echevarria	Span. bk	274	Remedios & Co	Manila
Sophie,	Green	Brit. bk	470	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	Singapore
Sophia,	Hinson	Siam. bg	361	Chinese	
St. Germaine,	Rullier	Fren. bk	310	Landstein & Co	
St. Bishop,	S. E. Foot	Amr. bk	295	Order	
St. Roch,	Grive	Fren. bk	274	Siemssen & Co	
St. Yves,	Bertaut	Fren. bk	851	Captain	
Southern Belle,	Benson	Brit. bk	511	Gilman & Co	San Francisco
Sumatra,	Mellon	Amr. sh	1072	Aug. Heard & Co	
Tertre,	Tahel	Fren. bk	196	Carlowitz & Co	
Thomas,	Holt	Hal. sh	1004	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Saigon
Ville de St. Lo,	Dubois	Fren. bk	270	Carlowitz & Co	Manila
Ville de Rivadavia,	Castilla	Span. bk	281	Remedios & Co	
Vistula,	Burkett	Rus. sh	563	Landstein & Co	
Volunteer,	Hutchinson	Amr. sh	898	Aug. Heard & Co	
W. of the Wave,	Batchelder	Amr. sh	1250	Russell & Co	

Vessel & Captain		Flag & Rig	Tons	Consignees	Destination
HONGKONG.					
Willy,	H. Rubber	N. G. sch	250	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	
Wm. Melhuish,	Greig	Brit. sh	767	John Burd & Co	
Wodonga,	Jurman	Brit. bk	311	Captain	
MACAO.					
Aurora,	N. Garcia y Garcia	C. Am. sh	495	F. Degener	Callao
Burro Noorfal,		Siam. bk		Order	Saigon
Callao,	Lavarello	C. Am. sh	1416	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Callao
Camillo Cavour,	Astorquia	S. Sal. sh	820	Wm. Pustau & Co	Manila
Darnok,		N. G. bk		Order	
Fray Bentos,	N. Mota	C. Am. sh	471	Remedios & Co	*Laid up*
Jaimito,	Hormaechea	Span. bg	230	Remedios & Co	
Spark ‡	Wilson	Amer. stl	140	Thos. Hunt & Co	
Swee,	Gowes			Thos. Hunt & Co	
Vanguard,	T. Hunter	Brit. bk	658	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
‡ *Running between Canton and Macao.*					
CANTON.					
Andar,	Gobell	H.I.C.M. g-b.		Chinese	
China,	Winter	N. G. str	642	Siemssen & Co	
Chin-Sing,	Renard	H.I.C.M. g-b.			
Chen-tin,	Edwards	H.I.C.M. g-b.			
Chun-hoi,	Domee	H.I.C.M. g-b.			
Conchita,	Buckham	Brit. str	304	Order	
Deinouan,				Customs Chop	
Fee-loong,	Francis	H.I.C.M. str			
Sui-Tsing,	Stewart	H.I.C.M. g-b.			
Tien-Po,	De Longueville	H.I.C.M. g-b.			
SWATOW.					
In port on 20th January, 1870.					
Adelheid,	Vage	N. G. bk	279	Dircks & Co	Yokohama
Asphodel,	Naresen	Amr. bk	488	Bradley & Co	*Repairing*
Canton,	Meisner	Siam. bk	779	Chinese	*Uncertain*
Emma,	Fouth	N. G. bk	346	Dircks & Co	*Uncertain*
Excelsior,		Brit. bk	349	Ed. Vincent & Co	*Uncertain*
Gustav Adolph,	Leib	N. G. bk	202	Dircks & Co	Yokohama
Isabella Ridley,		N. G. bk	577	Ed. Vincent	
Kirkland,		Amr. bk	450	Bradley & Co	*Uncertain*
Marathon,		Amr. bk	378	Bradley & Co	Yokohama
Maria Miles,	Brandt	N. G. bk	306	Dircks & Co	Singapore
Nipon,	Paulsen	N. G. bk	561	Dircks & Co	Shanghai
Paulisia,		Fren. sh	602	Master	
FOOCHOW.					
In port on 16th January, 1870.					
Activ,	Lommermann	N. G. sch	145	Russell & Co	*Uncertain*
Avon,	Macbeth	Brit. sh	675	Aug. Heard & Co	New York
Coulnakyle,	Morrison	Brit. sh	579	John Silverlock & Co	London
Diamond,	Rose	Brit. bk	309	Siemssen & Co	Falmouth
Falk,	Lund	N. G. sch	132	Russell & Co	*Uncertain*
Fiorentinus,	Ruben	N. G. bk	232	Adamson, Bell & Co	Australia
India,	Johannsen	N. G. bg	149	Russell & Co	*Uncertain*
Joseph Hambro,	Moller	Dan. bk	285	Siemssen & Co	Falmouth
Juno,	Belberg	N. G. bg	166	Russell & Co	*Uncertain*
Laurita,	Gilrichs	N. G. sch	245	Aug. Heard & Co	Australia
Mistletoe,	Robertson	Brit. bk	285	Russell & Co	*Uncertain*
Otto,	Ahlmann	N. G. bk	231	Russell & Co	*Uncertain*
Portland,	Custer	Brit. sh	672	Jardine, Matheson & Co	London
Sampan,	Rasmussen	N. G. bk	294	Russell & Co	Shanghai
Spartan,	Jael	Brit. bk	213	Captain	*Uncertain*
YOKOHAMA.					
In port on 8th January, 1870.					
Adeline,	Maines	Brit. str	910	Walsh, Hall & Co	*For Sale*
Alice Thompson,	Scow	Brit. bk	308	Order	*Uncertain*
Alphonse,	Henry	Fren. bk	282	Walsh, Hall & Co	Boston
Arabella,	Ripoll	Brit. bk	349	Siemssen & Co	*Uncertain*
Aristos,	Kildahal	N. G. bk		Jardine, Matheson & Co	*Uncertain*
Arcostook,		Ned. str		McCulloch Vernede & Co	*Uncertain*
Assyrian,	Gempstor	Brit. bk	550	M. I. Co	*Uncertain*
Astrea,	Cordes	Ned. bg	500	Order	*Uncertain*
Augusta,	Abbett	Amr. str	20	Walsh, Hall & Co	*Uncertain*
Batavia,	Hertzer	N. G. bk	800	Chinese	New York
Benefactress,	Eldred	Amr. bk	624	Aug. Heard & Co	*Uncertain*
Blue Jacket,	Surey	Brit. bk	92	Walsh, Hall & Co	*Uncertain*
Cama,	Hoge	Dan. bg	261	Chinese	*Uncertain*
Catherina,	Overbeck	N. G. sch	213	Order	*Uncertain*
Chin-Chin,	Legerud	Brit. bk	341	Chinese	Yedo
City of Yedo,	Hitts	Amr. str	100	C. J. & G. W. Hoyt	*Uncertain*
Condor,		N. G. bk	554	Captain	*Uncertain*
Cœur de Lion,	Hiller	Brit. sh	818	Order	*F't or Charter*
C. of the Wave,	Crombie	Brit. sh	776	Gilman & Co	*Uncertain*
Courier,	Osment	Brit. bk	349	Chinese	*Uncertain*
Courrier,	Nye	Rus. str	600	Walsh, Hall & Co	*Uncertain*
Diana,	Jacobson	N. G. bg	174	Schultze, R. & Co	*Uncertain*
Dunning Louisa,	Darob	Dan. bk	210	John Pitman	*Uncertain*
Duke de Malakoff,	Moniet	Fren. bk	454	Aymonin & Co	*Uncertain*
Eastward Ho,	Lewis	Brit. bk	388	Order	*Uncertain*
Ellen Hood,	Neil	Amr. bk	150	Ed. D. Carrol & Co	*Uncertain*
Ellimaster,	Tonline	Brit. sh	693	Jardine, Matheson & Co	*Uncertain*
Ennie,		N. G. bk		Order	*Uncertain*
Ettrick,	Lamont	Brit. bk	810	Jardine, Matheson & Co	*Uncertain*
Finzel,	Orzeomer	Brit. bk	497	Siber & Brennwald	*Uncertain*
Gaucho,	Brooks	Brit. bk	340	A. Fabre Boerne & Co	*Uncertain*
Georges,	Malsard	Brit. bk	474	Jardine, Matheson & Co	*Repairing*
Golden Age,	Nolan	Brit. P.M.S.S.	1860	P. M. S. S. Co	*Uncertain*
Hannah Nicholson,	Horver	Brit. bk	251	Jardine, Matheson & Co	New York
Havelock	Madden	Brit. bk	451	Aspinall, Cornes & Co	*Uncertain*
Hermann Doctor,	Grave	N. G. sh	59	A. Barnard	*Uncertain*
Hilda,	Diedrichs	Swed. bk	311	Hudson, Malcolm & Co	*Uncertain*
Hong-que,	Preble	Amr. str	450	Walsh, Hall & Co	*Uncertain*
Irene,	Buhrs	N. G. sch	262	Chinese	*Uncertain*
James Watt,		Brit. str		P. & O. Co	*Uncertain*
Joseph Hambro,	Mollen	Dan. bk	283	Chinese	*Uncertain*
L. R.,	Jueno	Fren. bk	405	Dupouchel & Co	*Uncertain*
Luisa,	Lewis	Brit. bk	395	Chinese	*Uncertain*
Matador,	Kimmer	N. G. sh	720	Order	*Uncertain*
Matilda,	Ramsey	Brit. bg	252	Jardine, Matheson & Co	*Uncertain*
Melissa,	Wise	N. G. bk	545	Chinese	*Uncertain*
Minerva,	Losse	N. G. bk	211	Vaulet Freis & Co	*Disabled*
Naples,	Hutchinson	Amr. bk	750	Order	*Uncertain*
Nautilus,	Johnson	Amr. str	1117	Hudson, Malcolm & Co	*Uncertain*
Paradise,	Popp	N. G. bk	330	Kniffler & Co	*Uncertain*
P. Porto de Mer,	France	Fren. bk	251	A. Fabre, Boerne & Co	*Uncertain*
Peter Joynson,	Watson	Brit. sh	950	Order	*Uncertain*
Petuma,	Johnson	Brit. bk	491	Jardine, Matheson & Co	*Uncertain*
P. Surinam,	Kaint	Brit. bk	193	Carst Lels & Co	*Uncertain*
R'antipole,	Way	Ned. bg	330	Captain	*Uncertain*
Rovell,	Chavellon	Fren. bk	414	Macpherson & Marshall	New York
Rockliffe,	Chapman	Brit. bk	658	Kniffler & Co	*Uncertain*
Rubicon,	Watt	Brit. sh	304	Kniffler & Co	*Uncertain*
San Roman,	Marten	N. G. bk	1200	Kniffler & Co	*Uncertain*
Saturnus,	Diderock	N. G. bk	332	Chinese	*Uncertain*
Schoondoelou,	Grenwein	Ned. bk		N. P. Kingdon	*Uncertain*

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Arrivals.

Jan. 26, UNITED SERVICE, Brit. str., 650, Tough, Shanghai 22nd January, General.—WM. PUSTAU & Co.
Jan. 26, CANTON, North Ger. bk., Godt, Ningpo 19th January, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.
Jan. 26, WINDWARD, Amer. sh., 783, C. H. Barrett, Shanghai 21st January, Ballast.—OLYPHANT & Co.
Jan. 26, PICCIOLA, North Ger. bk., 324, H. Kroll, Ningpo 22nd January, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.
Jan. 26, H.I.C.M. g-b. FEE-LOONG, 210, H. M. Francis from Canton 20th January.
Jan. 26, MATADOR, North German sh., 720, Kimme, Yokohama 14th January, Ballast.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

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Jan. 26, ALBION, str., for Swatow, &c.
Jan. 26, FLYING FISH, for Bangkok.
Jan. 26, QUEEN OF ENGLAND, for Bangkok.
Jan. 26, EASTERN QUEEN, for Cape St. James.
Jan. 26, DASHING WAVE, for Sydney.
Jan. 26, BORGALIS, for Saigon.
Jan. 26, LUDWIG, for Singapore.
Jan. 26, LIZZIE, for Whampoa.
Jan. 27, THALES, str., for Yokohama.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
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Sir J. Jeejeebhoy, str., for Whampoa.
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Fire Dart, str., for Whampoa.
Lola, for Manila.
Rangoon, for Singapore.
Frisch, for Singapore.

Passengers.

Per *United Service*, str., from Shanghai,—Mr. Birt, 1 European and 20 Chinese deck.
Per *Canton*, from Ningpo,—Mr. Oliviera.

Reports.

The British steamer *United Service* from Shanghai on the 22nd January, reports having experienced moderate monsoon.

The American ship *Windward* reports having experienced from Coast of Formosa strong gales from N.N.W., remainder of passage N.E. monsoon.

The North German bark *Picciola* reports having fine weather with N.E. monsoon.

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